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## STEAKS DAY

Arabella Harbison, 9, from Holbrook NSW had a view from the top at Barnawartha saleyards yesterday where Angus steers hit 377c/kg in the first of Victoria's famed new year calf sales.

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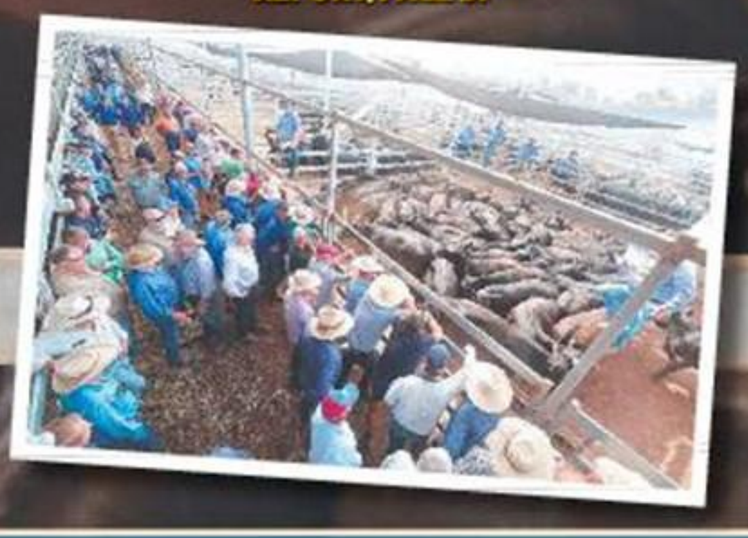

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### Axe on native timber industry paves way for 300,000ha forest lock-up

# LOCKED AND LOADED

**PETER HUNT**

The end of native forest logging this week clears the way for the Victorian government to create the controversial Great Forest National Park on Melbourne's doorstep.

The move would lock up about 300,000ha of the Central Highlands state forest and block hunters, householders, apiarists, 4WDs and horse and trail-bike riders from using the largest area of forest close to Melbourne.

In response to the government's call for an interim report on the Central Highlands, the Victorian Environmental Assessment Council last month recommended converting about 75 per cent of the region's 389,725ha of state forest into national parks.

VEAC's report recommends 300,000ha of state forest be brought within "a large protected area such as a national park", which "would link the existing Yarra Ranges, Kinglake, Lake Eildon and Baw Baw national parks and the Bunyip, Cathedral Range and Moondarra state parks".

Locking up more state forest in a new Great Forest National Park is also likely to restrict campers to fewer and more regulated sites, which prohibit open campfires and dogs.

Sporting Shooters Association Australia (Victoria) spokesman Barry Howlett said "with the end of forestry in these areas, you have to wonder what this public land is being protected from: Is it the public?"

"For hundreds of thousands of working Victorians, camping with the family, including the family dog, is the only affordable holiday option. If you turn these areas into national parks and lock their dogs out, where are they going to go?"

VEAC's report goes as far as listing the "growing population in metropolitan Melbourne leading to more recreational/human use pressures" as

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# Road toll hits a high

ALEX SINNOTT

Almost 300 people were killed on Victorian roads in 2023 — with a former VicRoads boss calling for a significant investment in country thoroughfares.

The grim figure of 296 deaths was reached as the clock ticked over into 2024, the highest annual toll for the Garden State since 2008.

Regional road deaths accounted for 173 of the 296 toll, up 28 per cent on the previous calendar year.

In late 2022, a parliamentary inquiry recommended lowering regional Victoria's default road speed of 100 kilometres an hour, echoing suggestions made in the past by government officials.

Former VicRoads chief executive David Anderson told 3AW while a reduction in the default speed might be attractive in theory, in practice, a road repair cash injection was essential.

"That'd be my last preference, I'd say no (to a default speed reduction)," Mr Anderson said. "My first preference would be to spend about seven or eight times (the current figure) on fixing up our disgraceful road network.

"Unless we have all aspects of society, all the organisations that want to have a say talking the same language, I don't think we're going to have enough police to enforce anything like (a reduction in the 100km/h default).

"But just saying 'lower speed limits' ... without doing the background work and getting everyone on side is just going to cause more argument."

Police at a fatal car accident scene. Picture: David Crosling

The default country roads limit of 100km/h was introduced by the Hamer government when Victorian signs underwent metrication in 1974.

The default is standard across all Australian states with the Northern Territory's 110km/h default the exception.

Victorian Roads Minister Melissa Horne said a range of factors contributed to the higher toll in 2023 including drink and drug driving as well as motorists not wearing seatbelts.

"The devastating road toll we've seen in Victoria this year has also been happening nationally," Ms Horne said.

"We need to do everything we can to drive down fatalities on our roads.

"Road trauma is a complex challenge and sadly the contributing factors are not new – speed, not wearing a seat belt, drink and drug driving, high speed country roads, less safe older cars, multi-passenger fatalities and increasing level of travel on our roads."

# Fire ants campaign gets $70m boost

The Victorian government has committed $69.7m over the next four years to help the national fight against red imported fire ants.

The commitment is part of the $596m national cost-shared program.

The program is aimed at eradicating the pest, which was first detected in Queensland in 2001, spreading into NSW for the first time last month.

Agriculture Victoria routinely conducts surveillance for the ants, which led to the detection of a queen at a Melbourne nursery in February, on imported plant material from Queensland.

The new funding is in addition to $47.9m invested by Victoria as part of the National Red Imported Fire Ant Eradication Program since 2017.

## IN BRIEF

### More tariff cuts

Agricultural exports to India have surged, up 50 per cent since the Australia-India free trade agreement came into force on December 29, 2022. Trade Minister Don Farrell's office reported the uptick included boosts to sheep meat, seafood, broad beans, citrus and almonds. From Monday, India made more tariff cuts, benefiting local seafood, sandalwood, cherries and wine.

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# Friends see the sunny side of a gardening passion

CONOR FOWLER

A team of three local mums with a shared love of gardening are taking their skills to the next level on Victoria's Surf Coast.

Friends Abbey Galbraith, Anna Jenkins and Amy Brady are growing more than 10,000 sunflowers at Modewarre, about 20 minutes outside of Torquay, and giving visitors the chance to pick their own over a three-week period in January.

"We all have a shared love of gardening, and all go to each other's houses once a week to help out with the gardening," Abbey said of their Surf Coast Sunflowers venture.

"We wanted to do something that had a community focus. Something intensive for a short period of time, but otherwise manageable around family and work life."

Comprising 1.5ha of sunflowers on Anna's 16ha beef cattle operation, Surf Coast Sunflowers will open this Saturday, January 6, with entrance fees starting at $10 for adults and $5 for children, and flowers sold at $3 per stem.

After a valuable learning experience growing sunflowers last year, the women, who also work as a pharmacist, occupational therapist and lawyer respectively, are excited for the weeks ahead.

"We were better prepared (this year), we made the kids come out and do the jobs with us, and there were times where we definitely had to prioritise the crop to work around our lives," Abbey said. "We started planting in early October. We thought it was going to be a dry season so we deliberately started earlier so the tap roots would go deeper and be less reliant on water, but we've had plenty of rain so are opening earlier than anticipated."

The strong Surf Coast community has been ultra-supportive of the project and the team are looking to repay the support. "We're planning on donating a percentage of profits to the local CFA and the Royal Children's," Abbey said.

Friends (from left) Anna Jenkins, Abbey Galbraith and Amy Brady will open the gates of Surf Coast Sunflowers at Modewarre near Torquay. Picture: Nicole Cleary

# Wet week for sales

MADELEINE STUCHBERY

Victoria and NSW are in for a wet week, with the Bureau of Meteorology's eight-day forecast predicting falls up to 50mm to hit vast swathes of the states.

The bureau's forecast for Victoria showed rainfall of 25-50mm for the majority of the state, with the northwest expected to receive 15-25mm.

In NSW, southern parts of the state are set to receive up to 50mm, with 15mm falls for the northwest, and more modest falls of 5-10mm for parts of the northeast.

With weaner calf sales taking place across Victoria this week, rainfall in buying regions could influence demand and pricing.

Nutrien Yea livestock agent Tyson Bush said unless rainfall hindered access for trucks to enter properties to freight stock to sales, he didn't anticipate the rain would affect the summer weaner calf sale at Yea later this week.

"All these people here breed calves to line up on these days. We're well prepared and ready to go," Mr Bush said. "This is why they breed them, not to fatten but to sell at these sales. Unless we can't get the livestock out, rain won't hinder numbers."

Mr Bush said rain in the coming week could buoy prices.

# Under-fire BOM claims value

FIONA MYERS

The Bureau of Meteorology reports it has delivered more than $100 million in economic value to Australia's agricultural industries in 2022-23, despite widespread farmer frustration about the role its forecasts have played in the past year's livestock price crash.

The BOM has faced a barrage of criticism over inaccurate forecasts, especially since officially declaring an El Nino event in September. Agriculture industry leaders have said widespread talk of El Nino contributed to livestock market volatility, causing producers to offload stock early, which boosted yardings and pushed down prices.

But rainfall across eastern states through December has defied the dire warnings of a drier and hotter summer.

Despite the lack of accuracy the BOM, in its annual report, said it had more than met its goal of adding value to agricultural industries.

"The bureau contributed an estimated $132 million of economic value to Australia's agriculture sector in 2022-23 through the delivery of initiatives such as Forewarned is Forearmed, Climate Services for Agriculture and Agri-Climate Outlooks," the annual report said.

The report also disclosed the forecaster had three times as many administrative staff as research scientists. The annual report showed there were 1797 staff in 2022-23, with 368 staff working in administration compared to 113 who were classed as research scientists.

Of all employees, 182 earned $125,000-$193,000 and another 331 were paid between $103,000 and $116,000. There were also 14 staff that had salary packages between $214,000-$235,000 with BOM boss Andrew Johnson pocketing more than $570,000 in the past financial year in his role as chief executive officer.

Another document, which outlined the way the BOM's messages should be delivered and prepared in 2022, was released under Freedom of Information in September last year. It revealed staff were advised to "be timely, not perfect".

"It's better to be good and on time than perfect and late," the staff were advised. "The faster we can share information, the better we can contribute to a reduction in lives lost from natural hazards and added social and economic impact and value."

National Farmers' Federation chief executive Tony Mahar said the BOM had to be "able to keep up with the community expectations".

"Farm business operations definitely rely on this information and surely the technology and the data sets and the algorithms we have now could make forecasting more accurate," Mr Mahar said.

"It is important that we get more impactful and accurate weather information.

"And while by its very nature weather forecasts cannot be perfect, they should be timely and accurate," Mr Mahar said.

The BOM was contacted for comment but said it was unable to provide a response due to staff being on leave.

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# Livestock's bright prospect

FIONA MYERS

A key livestock analyst is predicting a better year ahead as the industry comes off one of its toughest periods in years.

Global Agri Trends' Simon Quilty said prospects for both sheep and cattle were on the up thanks to a change in seasonal conditions across many areas.

"With rain comes hope, and for many, there is now a growing belief the worst of the Australian drought is behind us," Mr Quilty said.

"The weather experts have been talking about a dry late summer and autumn, but this rain has given the belief that any short-term dryness can be overcome with supplementary feeding and, more importantly, better growing conditions are not far away."

Rain is expected to buoy cattle markets in 2024.

For cattle, Mr Quilty said the increase in the number of states liquidating their herds, seen in September quarter figures from the Australian Bureau of Statistics, meant there was a greater need to rebuild with depleted cattle numbers.

"This is a repeat of what happened in the 2018 and 2019 drought where NSW led the liquidation but also led the recovery in the rebuild, where NSW restockers brought large volumes of female cattle interstate to speed up their own herd rebuild," Mr Quilty said.

"I think history will repeat itself and once again NSW will drive Australia's cattle herd rebuild – the difference is that the availability of cattle interstate is much more limited, and as a result will see cattle prices move higher as restockers fight over a smaller 'herd pie'."

He said higher cattle prices would be driven not only by reduced supply but a boost in processing capacity, with an additional capacity of 25,000 per week by the middle of the year.

But the caveat over sustained increase in prices will be the level of frozen meat globally, as well as lifts in demand from export markets.

For lamb and mutton, a sell off through spring of both sheep and lambs is expected to deliver higher returns for those with numbers still to sell.

"With continued liquidation of the breeding flock the lamb kill is expected to fall over the next six quarters, which points to higher prices," Mr Quilty said.

"Australia's mutton kill reflects the female kill as most wethers are sold as lambs, so when the mutton kill moves above two million, this reflects liquidation of the breeding flock.

"With liquidation comes less joining and fewer lambs ... liquidation over the last four quarters, this will see falling lamb numbers for at least all of 2024 and at least the first half of 2025."

Mr Quilty said there was also anecdotal evidence of some mixed farmers quitting sheep.

"This ... needs to be watched closely through the ABS changing land-use data to see if there is any validity to this trend," he said.

"If so, this will add to the expected tightening supply going forward."

# Native timber ban paves way for forest lock-up

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a "threat" to the Central Highlands' forests.

"Growth in the population of nearby metropolitan Melbourne places increasing pressure on the forests for recreation and other uses," the report states.

"Increased use potentially threatens social and cultural values through competition or conflict between uses or may threaten environmental values through factors such as increased access or facilities and infrastructure development, spreading of weeds, disease and pests, and increased ignition of fires."

The Victorian National Parks Association, which along with other environment groups has campaigned for the creation of the Great Forest National Park, says the benefits to native wildlife, water catchments and ecosystem health are immense.

"We know national parks are very popular with the public," VNPA forest campaigner Jordan Crook said. "You will see more people going out to these areas, now they're released from logging."

A spokeswoman for Environment Minister Steve Dimopoulos said the government "welcomed" VEAC's interim report, which would be a key consideration for the Eminent Panel that will undertake community engagement on the future of the Central Highlands next year.

The Eminent Panel's five members, who will make the final recommendation to government of the park, includes VEAC chair Mellissa Wood.

Prospectors and Miners Association of Victoria president Jason Cornish said the government was just engaged in "tick-the-box consultation", given past experience showed it had adopted VEAC recommendations despite community opposition. "The creation of the Great Forest National Park will be a disaster, economically, socially and environmentally – with more fires and feral animals – amid a lack of rangers," Mr Cornish said.

VEAC's report states "sufficient management resources are required for active and adaptive management to restore and maintain values and build resilient healthy forests".

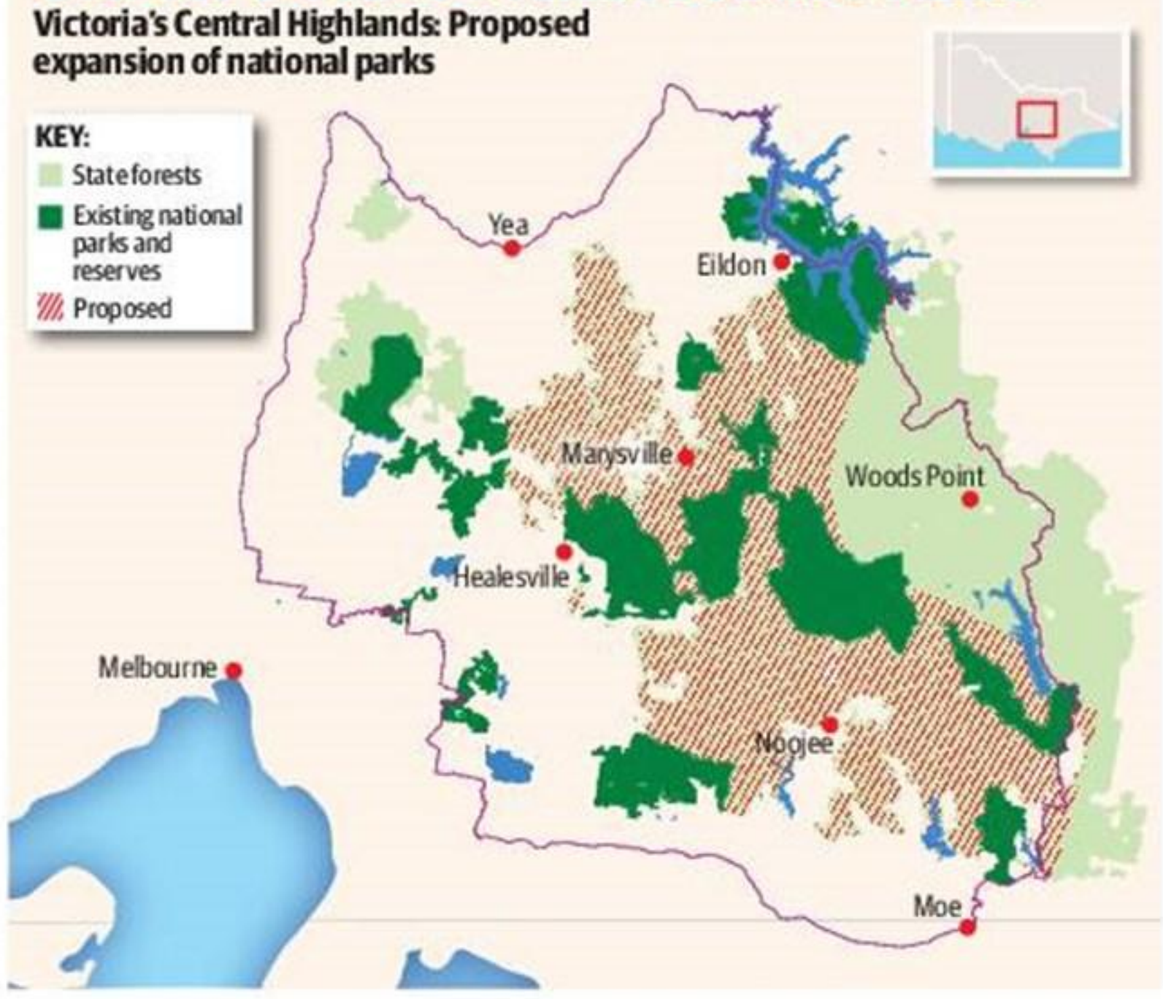
Meanwhile those who currently use the forests face enormous uncertainty.

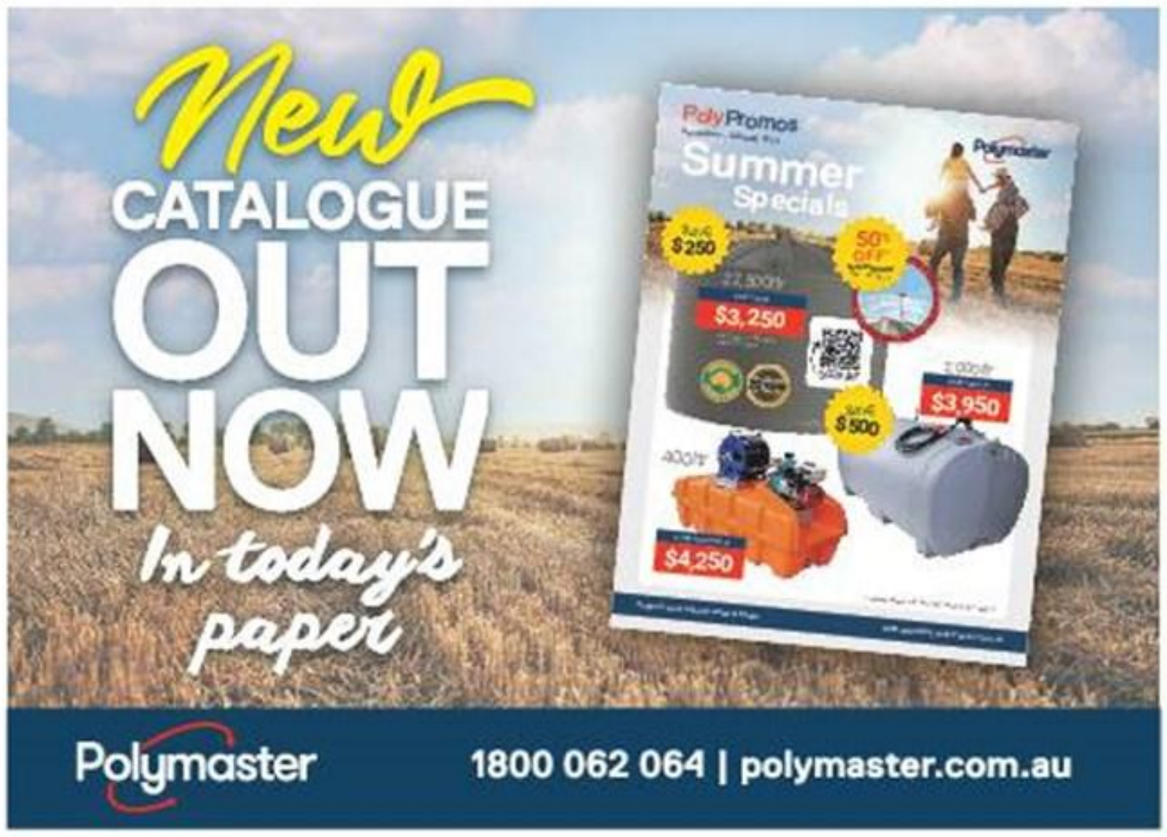
VEAC found individuals and businesses hold 135 licences and leases across the state forest, including a 3630ha alpine grazing licence in the Upper Goulburn Forest.

Beekeepers hold licences over another 186 apiary sites, mostly located in the forests on the north side of the Great Dividing Range in the Goulburn River basin.

As for hunters, VEAC's report states: "It is difficult to estimate the number of hunting trips taken in the RFA area, but a total of 58,332 people were licensed to hunt game (deer and ducks) in Victoria in 2022."

Mr Howlett said the areas proposed to be included in the Great Forest National Park included "large areas where hunting deer with hounds and gundogs is probably the most dominant use in the cooler months".

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# Young ag achievers have their eyes on the prize

CAMILLE SMITH

The future of farming is in good hands if 18-year-old Ella Flamsteed is anything to go by.

The Ballarat Grammar graduate achieved the top score in the state on her VCE Agricultural and Horticultural Studies exam, with a study score of 45 matched by just one other student – fellow Ballarat Grammar alumni Miriam Drinnan.

"I think agriculture came naturally because I enjoyed the subject and wanted to do the study," said Ella, who grew up at Ararat and hopes to study veterinary science. "I had quite a good time doing that exam ... it was the only one I did enjoy."

Ella and Miriam were two of 34 Ballarat Grammar students who sat the exam, with 10 achieving scores of 40-plus.

Teacher Jo Ham said the result was "amazing", especially as there was no textbook for the VCE course and students had to master concepts from animal production and genetics to environmental science and economics.

"Ella was one who didn't come off a farm. It shows how hard she worked," Ms Ham said.

Ms Ham said the school's Mount Rowan farm campus gave students from year 4 through year 12 exposure to ag curriculum.

"The whole teaching staff are all very passionate about what we do," she said.

She is also an advocate for reclassifying the ag and hort VCE subject as a science, rather than a design and technology discipline, as it is now in Victoria.

"I see it as very science based," she said. "In NSW they have it under both.

"It is not just driving tractors. Agriculture is at the heart of so many communities. And we need more people to fall in love with the land so it continues to be looked after."

Deciding between university offers from her family's property in Tasmania, Ella said she hoped to one day work in a regional vet practice "so I'm part of a community".

Ballarat Grammar's Ella Flamsteed achieved a VCE study score of 45 in Agricultural and Horticultural Studies, the top result in the state for the subject.

# Farm deaths and injuries figures drop

MADELEINE STUCHBERY

The number of people killed or injured on Australian farms has declined year-on-year, according to preliminary figures.

It's a sign of a positive shift in attitudes towards farm safety, one industry leader has said.

SafeWork Australia data for the year to December 21 reported 22 deaths in the agriculture, forestry and fishing industry, a decline on the 43 fatalities recorded for the same period the year prior. And quad bike deaths have plateaued, sitting at 11 a year for the past three years, down on 23 deaths recorded in 2020.

It comes as New Zealand – which does not have mandatory quad bike rollover protection regulations – recorded four quad bike deaths in as many weeks.

Farmsafe chair Felicity Richards said the preliminary figures showed a promising decline she hoped would endure in coming years.

A 2023 Farmsafe report, published in July last year, reported 55 on-farm fatalities in 2022, up on 46 recorded in 2021.

According to Farmsafe data, quad bikes accounted for 14 per cent of fatalities and 21 per cent of injuries in 2022, with 64 per cent of all fatalities attributed to farm vehicles or mobile farm machinery.

Farmer mental health remained an emerging theme in the farm safety landscape, Ms Richard said, with more people willing to discuss the prevalence of mental health issues in their families and communities.

# Fire risk surges to 96 per cent

PETER HUNT

Forest fuel loads in Victoria's most dangerous and populous Port Phillip bushfire zone have pushed the residual risk level to 89 per cent, higher than in the lead-up to the Black Saturday 2009 fires that claimed 173 lives.

The Victorian Bushfire Risk Management Report for 2022-23, which the Allan government quietly released over Christmas, shows forest fuels loads in the Port Phillip zone's outer Melbourne Metropolitan District have reached 96 per cent, while the Yarra District sits at 88 per cent.

A 100 per cent residual risk assumes the most extreme loss of property from a fire, where the build-up of fuel loads has reached its maximum due to no planned burning or major fires.

It means fire-scarred towns that survived the horrors of 2009 are now at greater risk of losing homes and lives than when they last saw massive pyro-convective fires roar through their communities.

The Port Phillip Zone is home to more than five million people, and includes forests that extend from Warrandyte to Whittlesea and Steels Creek, out to Toolangi, Healesville and up the Yarra Valley, plus the Dandenong Ranges, Bunyip State Park and Mornington Peninsula.

The 2022-23 Risk Management shows the government and Forest Fire Management Victoria have struggled to conduct fuel reduction burns.

"This challenge was exacerbated by a third consecutive La Nina year resulting in challenging conditions for planned burning. During spring, fuels were consistently wet with flooding in large parts of the region," the report states.

But FFM Victoria's records show the rise in the Port Phillip zone's residual risk has been building for 15 years, from 39 per cent in the wake of 2009 Black Saturday fires, which consumed much of the fuel, to 85 per cent by mid-2021.

In 2009, a Victorian Bushfire Royal Commission recommended the state set an annual fuel reduction target of 390,000ha, which the then Brumby Labor and then Liberal-Nationals Coalition governments accepted.

However the Andrews-Allan government abandoned hectare-based targets in 2015, opting for a computer modelled measure of residual risk, which compared the damage a fire would inflict with no fuel load management versus what past wildfires and controlled burns had achieved.

The government then set a residual risk target for the Port Phillip zone of 80 per cent, but consequently redrew the boundary and lifted the target to 85 per cent in 2019, as it struggled to manage rising fuel loads.

The residual risk model was developed by the late University of Melbourne bushfire researcher Kevin Tolhurst who, prior to his death in October last year, warned setting the 85 per cent target "had more to do with what FFM Vic thought was achievable, rather than what was desirable or acceptable".

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Photo: Brett Edson with his sister, Lisa Monjean at Edson Piggery in Tepko, SA

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# Floods hit Loddon farmers again

**PETER HUNT**

More than 20 Loddon Valley farmers, surrounding Wedderburn Junction, have called for support in rebuilding 300km of fencing that was swept away in Christmas Eve floods.

Local sheep and grain growers Amber and Peter Gibson said three different water sources poured into the Korong Creek, on the back of 90mm of rain, sweeping across their property and taking 10km of fencing with it.

It's the second time the Gibsons have been hit by floods, after losing fencing and pasture during the October 2022 disaster that devastated hundreds of farms across northern Victoria.

"It'll take about four to six months to replace the fencing, between shearing and other work," Ms Gibson said.

As for their mob of 3000 sheep, the Gibsons have corralled them into a block, with propped up fences, as they desperately try to rebuild other boundary and internal fencing to give their stock access to what remains of their pastures.

Nearby farmer John Tonkin said the localised flood was worse than the big flood that hit the family property in 1974, when he was 10 years old.

"(Back then) it got to the stumps of the house, (but) this time it went a third of the way under," Mr Tonkin said.

The end result was the loss of 5km of fencing, with the water travelling so swiftly across the property early Christmas morning that Mr Tonkin said it swept away reinforced concrete strainer posts, which he was yet to find.

On Friday last week he was in the farm workshop making up new strainer posts from old railway track.

He said a shortage of labour meant it would take two to three months to replace the 5km of fencing he lost.

"I start shearing in four weeks," he said.

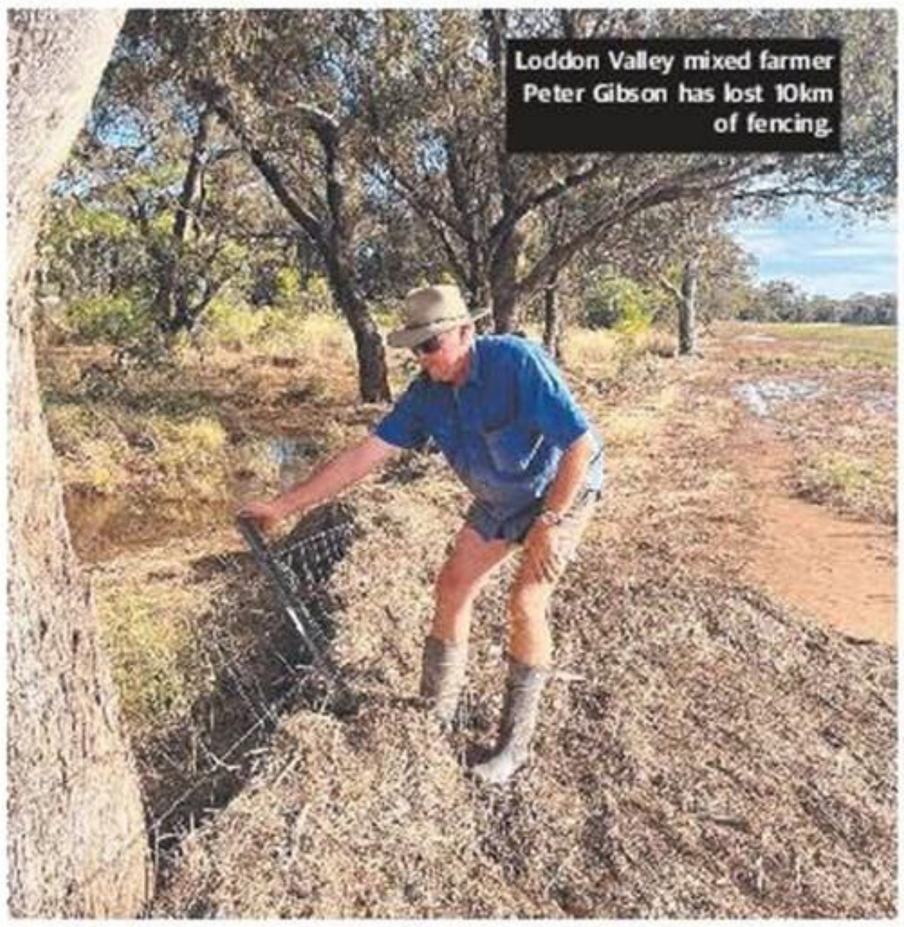
Victorian Nationals leader Peter Walsh visited the region last week.

"Having seen the damage first-hand, I urge the Allan government to do something to help," Mr Walsh said.

"It must now be classified as a natural disaster."

He urged the Allan government to roll out the Primary Producer recovery grants of up to $75,000 for farmers and $25,000 for rural landholders that were available during the 2022 floods.

Emergency Services Minister Jaclyn Symes told The Weekly Times on Friday morning that "we have to undertake assessments and councils are working on that right now feeding it back to the state government as is appropriate".



Loddon Valley mixed farmer Peter Gibson has lost 10km of fencing.

# Debunking the dingo diet

**PETER HUNT**

Research examining the contents of 5875 individual scats has shown wild dogs consume cats and foxes at relatively low frequencies, preferring instead to chase down wallabies to top the menu.

Former Victorian Department of Environment and Primary Industries-funded research from 2014 found wallabies, brushtail possums, rabbits, wombats and possums were the most frequently detected animal remains in Victoria's wild dog and dingo scats.

Just 0.14 per cent of the scats contained cat and 0.17 per cent fox remains.

The research is set to play a pivotal role in the 2024 review of Victoria's wild dog control program, which will examine the dingo's role as an apex predator, including its ability to control cats and foxes.

The 2014 DEPI research, led by University of Melbourne honorary fellow and now Parks Victoria environmental scientist Naomi Davis, reported dog diets varied dramatically across the state, with insects found in 39 per cent of Mallee dog scats, along with plant material at 26.6 per cent, rabbit at 17.8 per cent and sheep at 15.38 per cent.

In contrast, black wallaby dominated the diet of eastern Victoria's wild dogs, with the small macropod found in 36 per cent of East Gippsland's scats, 29 per cent in the North East and 26.7 per cent of those in South and West Gippsland.

Sheep remains were found at frequencies of just 1.41 per cent in East Gippsland and 1.31 per cent in the North East, which Victorian Farmers Federation livestock councillor Peter Star said was probably due to the impact of doggers' trapping and baiting efforts, plus a decline in the number of producers running sheep across the east over the past 40 years.

Former Victorian government dog trapper Ian Campbell said he collected scats for the research team at the time, with echidna spines one of the most obvious things he found.

Mr Campbell said that after 27 years working in the bush as a wild dog controller he had seen plenty of wild dogs' dinner remains.

"About four years ago I cut four pups out of a log at Jarvis Creek (near Tallangatta) and out front the bitch had left an echidna, kangaroo and lamb leg," Mr Campbell said. "People in town don't realise these wild dogs are decimating wildlife in the bush."

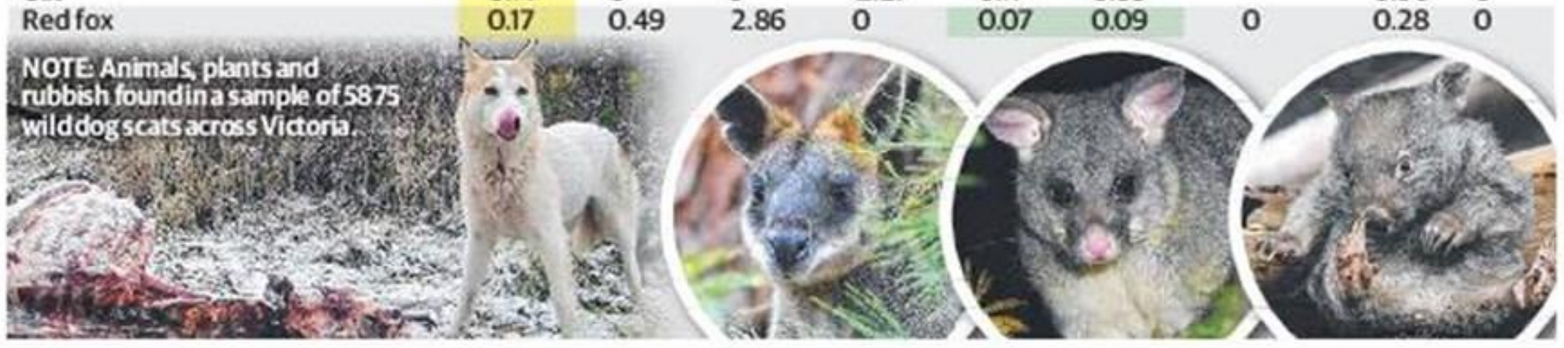
The DEPI-funded research found the frequency of echidna remains in dog scats varied from 6.47 per cent in the Mallee, to about 2 per cent in the state's east, while the platypus, was rarely found, with the highest incidence 0.96 per cent in South Gippsland and West Gippsland.

## WHAT DINGOES EAT IN VICTORIA

**Overall and by region (percentage of scats in which food items occur)**

SCAN FOR FULL LIST

| Fooditem | All regions | Mallee | Wimmera | Northern Country | North East | East Gippsland | West & South Gippsland | Central | South West |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Black wallaby | 24.68 | 0.73 | 28.57 | 15.91 | 29.01 | 36.06 | 26.7 | 11.94 | 7.53 |
| Undetermined brushtail possum | 17.12 | 0.49 | 0 | 2.27 | 22.83 | 16.4 | 21.9 | 10.3 | 2.15 |
| European rabbit | 11.95 | 17.83 | 11.43 | 25 | 12.07 | 4.84 | 5.53 | 24.72 | 37.63 |
| Common wombat | 11.86 | 0 | 0 | 4.55 | 15.14 | 11.43 | 12.02 | 8.33 | 0 |
| Undetermined insect | 7.8 | 39.44 | 11.43 | 11.43 | 3.26 | 0.62 | 0.24 | 3.89 | 2.15 |
| Undetermined plant material: | 5.74 | 26.62 | 5.71 | 0 | 3.94 | 0.35 | 0 | 0.56 | 1.08 |
| Bush rat | 5.7 | 0 | 0 | 4.55 | 6.93 | 7.83 | 7.21 | 0.83 | 1.08 |
| Common ringtail possum | 4.49 | 0.12 | 0 | 2.27 | 3.04 | 5.8 | 10.1 | 12.22 | 3.23 |
| Undetermined bird | 4.17 | 10.74 | 8.57 | 4.55 | 2.62 | 1.93 | 2.64 | 9.17 | 6.45 |
| Long-nosed bandicoot | 3.54 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4.69 | 5.8 | 3.61 | 0 | 0 |
| Sheep | 3.42 | 15.38 | 14.29 | 4.55 | 1.31 | 1.41 | 0.24 | 2.22 | 6.45 |
| Short-beaked echidna | 2.79 | 6.47 | 0 | 0 | 2.25 | 2.02 | 2.4 | 1.11 | 0 |
| Undetermined kangaroo or wallaby | 2.4 | 14.77 | 0 | 2.27 | 0.11 | 1.14 | 0 | 0.83 | 0 |
| Sambar deer | 2.16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3.52 | 0.26 | 0.96 | 1.94 | 0 |
| Western grey kangaroo | 2.08 | 13.68 | 8.57 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7.53 |
| Cat | 0.14 | 0 | 0 | 2.27 | 0.11 | 0.09 | | 0.56 | 0 |
| Red fox | 0.17 | 0.49 | 2.86 | 0 | 0.07 | 0.09 | 0 | 0.28 | 0 |



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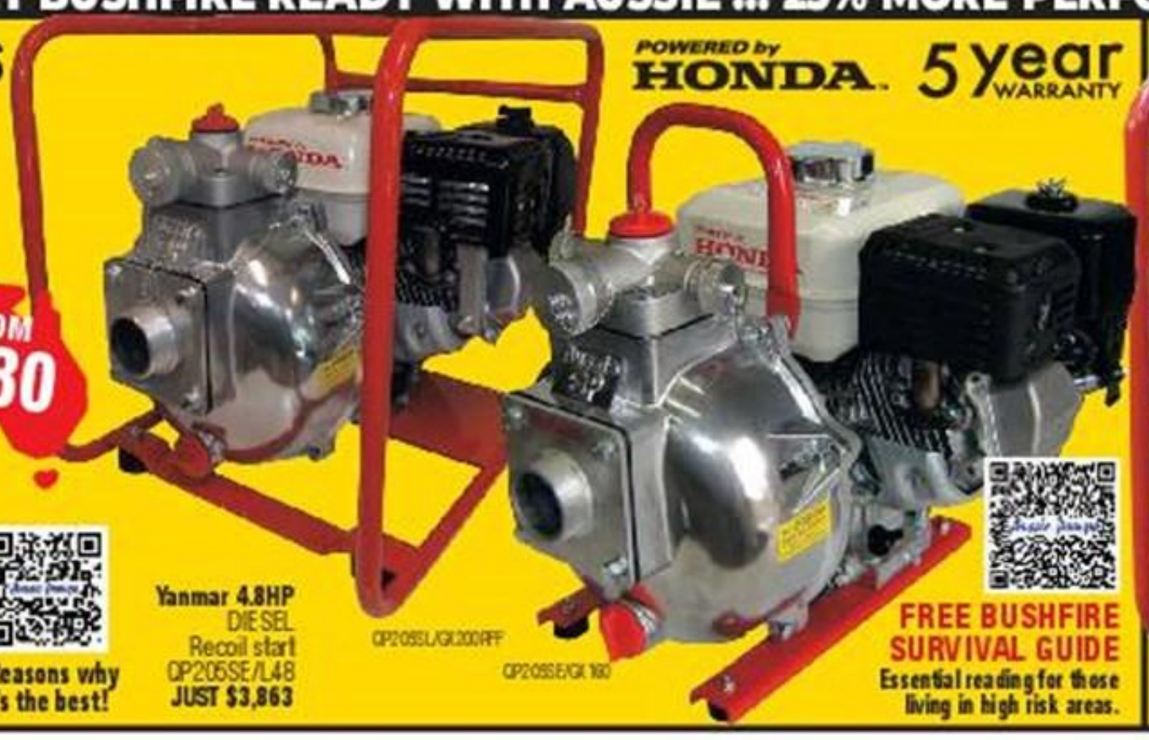

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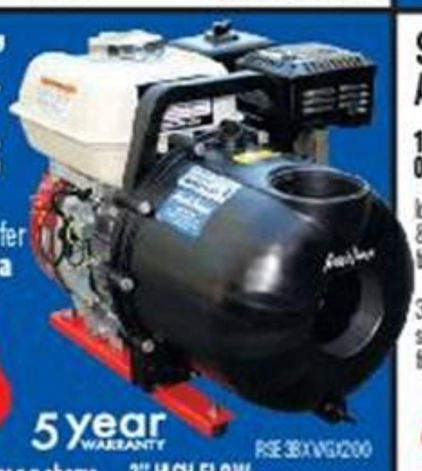

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COUNTRY FOOTBALL

# Roosters crowing at No.1

South Warrnambool the most successful football-netball club in 2023, writes **DAVID JOHNSTON**

South Warrnambool premiership footy and netball players (back row) Annie Blackburn, Matilda Stevens, club president John Ross, Rosie Thornton, Saylah Veale and (front row) Stuart Brown, Harry Lee and Lottie McCosh. Picture: Nicole Cleary

South Warrnambool has been crowned the best country football-netball club of 2023 following an analysis of results from all leagues in Victoria and southern NSW.

The Weekly Times has crunched the numbers on premierships won by clubs at every level with South Warrnambool being a standout in not only the Hampden league, but the state.

The Roosters won senior football and A-grade netball premierships as did the clubs that finished joint runner-up, Echuca and Osborne.

But the South West club's depth of talent shone on the netball court with four flags in junior grades sending it to the top of the pile.

South Warrnambool ended a freakish run of flags from Koroit by defeating North Warrnambool in the grand final by 35 points with a dominant first quarter display.

Senior coach Matthew Battistello, who has been at the helm since 2019, said the disappointment of missing the grand final last season had been a major motivating force.

But, on reflection, the creation of a "one-club culture" focusing on football and netball had been equally rewarding for Battistello.

"(Grand finals) are hard to win and we probably fell short due to some injuries the previous year," he said.

"When you have the added disappointment of 12 months ago and then have every football grade in grand finals, with our under-18s losing by less than a kick, my reflection is one of reward for hard work.

"We try to make it a one-club culture and we're starting to see the rewards of that now."

Dan Nicholson, who had played a losing grand final with Port Fairy, and the return of Jeremy Mugavin from Uni Blues were the major additions to the team.

Will Jamison has coached South Warrnambool to back-to-back open netball premierships with last year's win its first in 32 years.

Centre Ally O'Connor and goal attack Annie Blackburn capped an unforgettable season by filling the first two placings in the open grade league best and fairest.

The star duo were also among six South Warrnambool players picked in the 10-member Hampden league team-of-the-year with Jamison named coach.

"South had always been OK in juniors, but had been in the wilderness for a while in seniors," he said.

"Some of those really good juniors have aged up into the seniors, but I think where we've seen success is just player accountability.

"They've really stepped up in their approach and preparation.

"We're also still a young team."

Club president John Ross said South's standout season had "been six years in the making".

"Obviously Covid got in the way like it did with most clubs," Ross said.

"But it's all come together and we've been able to celebrate football and netball wins.

"Six years ago we got in Michael Taylor, a consultant from Ballarat, and just built some new policies and focus.

"It just mapped out how we run the club and the culture of the club and things have just been building and building.

"We put a lot of focus on volunteers and don't burn anyone out.

"Everyone only has a couple of jobs to do."

If two football and four netball flags were not enough, South Warrnambool produced two players who were taken in this year's AFL draft.

George Stevens, who played in the senior grand final win, was drafted by Geelong and Luamon Lual was picked up by Essendon after being South's best player in the narrow loss to Warrnambool in the under-18.5 grand final.

Brisbane Lions star Hugh McCluggage's brother, Myles, was the only South player to play in every match this season including the premiership.

## EXPLAINER

The Weekly Times has determined the best country football-netball club in Victoria and southern NSW on success across all grades of football and netball.

Five points were awarded for senior football and A grade netball premierships, three points for senior football and A-grade netball runners-up and one point for every minor grade football and netball premiership won.

## THE FINAL STANDINGS

### SOUTH WARRNAMBOOL

***Hampden, 15 points***

Following a dominant run from Koroit of seven flags from 2014 to 2022, South Warrnambool comfortably beat North Warrnambool in the senior football grand final to end a 12-year premiership drought and losing only two matches for the year.

South went back-to-back in the open netball division in a season and also won the 17 and under reserves, 15 and under, 15 and under reserves and 13 and under reserves flags.

### ECHUCA

***Goulburn Valley, 13 points***

The GV's modern day powerhouse club with only one loss this season after a similarly dominant 2022.

Echuca went back-to-back in senior footy with star players including co-coaches Andrew Walker and Sam Reid after a clean sweep of all football grades the previous year.

The Murray Bombers netballers also claimed the A grade and two other netball triumphs this season.

### OSBORNE

***Hume, 13 points***

The club with no town claimed the senior football premiership after being mowed down in the last quarter by Holbrook in the grand final 12 months earlier.

Osborne's A grade netballers went back-to-back under coach Sally Hunter, with two other flags in C reserve and under-11s with two other runner-up finishes in netball.

### CUDGEWA

***Upper Murray, 12 points***

It was a dominant season for the dominant club in the smallest league in the state with only four teams.

Cudgewa cruised to the senior flag after finishing runner-up 12 months earlier and its A grade netballers were also successful with a win over pre-match favourites Tumbarumba.

### INVERLOCH-KONGWAK

***West Gippsland, 12 points***

Inverloch-Kongwak also completed the senior football-A grade netball double, plus plenty more, in 2023.

Tom Hams coached the club to the senior football flag in his first season and there were also reserves and under-18s football success and a C grade netball premiership to celebrate.

### NIRRANDA

***Warrnambool District, 11 points***

Another club to complete the senior football-A grade netball flag double was Nirranda, taking it to another level by going back-to-back in both competitions on a wintry grand final day in the southwest.

John Paulin and Jo Couch also were crowned senior football and A grade netball best and fairest winners.

### NULLAWIL

***North Central, 11 points***

This was a massive debut season for the former Golden Rivers league club in the stronger North Central league.

Nullawil lost the senior football grand final narrowly to hot favourites Sea Lake-Nandaly, but won the A grade netball premiership and three other flags.

### WY YUNG

***East Gippsland, 11 points***

It was the first senior football flag since 2015 when the Tigers won a low-scoring grand final against Boisdale-Briagolong by eight points after also winning the reserves.

The A grade netballers lost to Stratford in the A grade netball grand final, but more silverware came in two other grades.

### DARLEY

***Ballarat, 10 points***

The senior football team captured one of the most thrilling flags of 2023 with Billy Myers kicking a late goal to seal a one-point win to cap off a season when star player Brett Bewley captured a second Henderson Medal.

The A grade netballers lost to North Ballarat in the grand final, but there was premiership success in two other grades.

### IRREWARRA-BEAAC

***Colac District, 10 points***

The netballers provided the bulk of the club's silverware in 2023 with an A grade and three junior level flags.

The footballers won the under-18s and under-14.5 flags.

### KIEWA-SANDY CREEK

***Tallangatta District, 10 points***

Kiewa-Sandy Creek lost a three-point thriller to Chiltern in the senior football grand final, but there was still plenty to celebrate with an under-17s football flag and A and C grade netball premierships.

Alissa Donaldson was also the league's A grade netball best and fairest.

### TATYOON

***Mininera District, 10 points***

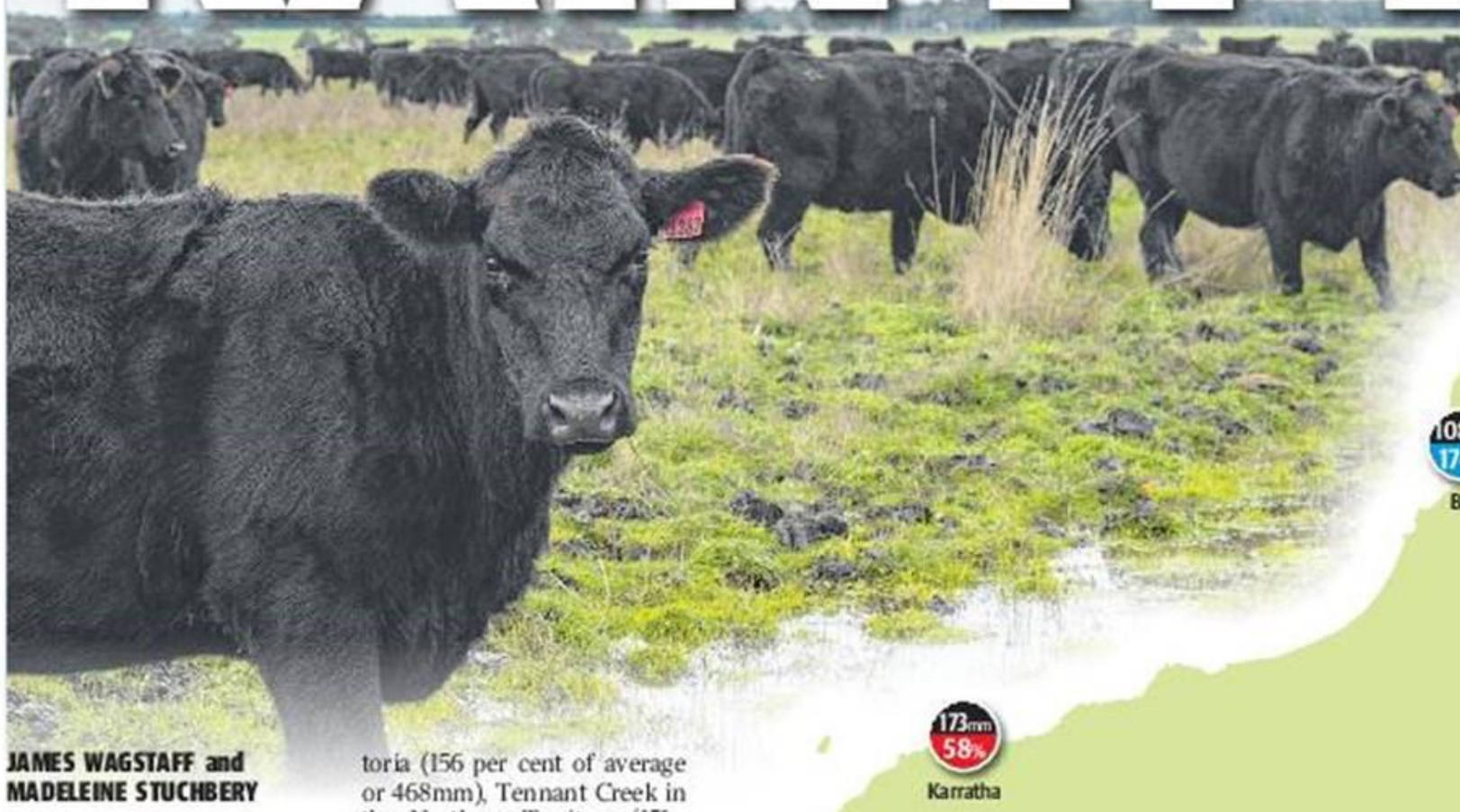
Another club to complete the senior football and A grade premiership double, Tatyoon's senior football team won its first flag since 2016 after being blown away by Ararat Eagles in last year's grand final and the netballers completing back-to-back wins.

### WOODSIDE

***North Gippsland, 10 points***

Beaten by Traralgon Tyers United in the senior football grand final, Woodside had a day out in netball, winning A grade for the second year in a row and also taking out the B and C premiership and losing by one goal in D grade.

# RAIN IT IN



**JAMES WAGSTAFF and MADELEINE STUCHBERY**

Swathes of eastern Australia have defied persistent talk of a drier El Nino weather phenomenon to post a wetter-than-average 2023.

An analysis by The Weekly Times of rainfall statistics from 203 Bureau of Meteorology weather stations located in key agricultural regions across the nation showed 76 recorded an average or wetter-than-average year during 2023.

More than two thirds of centres – 141 – received at least 80 per cent of their average total with 188 recording more than 60 per cent.

At the other end of the scale, four centres recorded less than half their normal rain with one recording just a quarter of the total it normally banks on.

The results follow a variable year for rainfall across Australia with the Bureau of Meteorology coming under fire from farmers due to concerns about forecasts, which they claim wiped millions of dollars from livestock markets as producers offloaded stock ahead of a predicted dry.

The BOM declared the El Nino on September 19 last year. In its latest forecast, issued on December 19, the BOM said climate model outlooks suggested El Nino would likely continue into the southern hemisphere autumn.

According to The Weekly Times analysis, the best falls relative to long-term averages during 2023 were in Queensland's Gulf of Carpentaria region, the West Australian Kimberley Region, southern NSW, northern Victoria and the Northern Territory.

Camooweal in Queensland's Gulf region headed the list with 179 per cent of its annual average, or 718mm, followed by Broome in Western Australia (174 per cent or 1083mm), Ivanhoe in NSW (160 per cent or 372mm), Julia Creek and Burketown in Queensland (160 per cent and 159 per cent or 741mm and 1237mm respectively).

Rounding out the top 10 centres were Swan Hill in Victoria (156 per cent of average or 468mm), Tennant Creek in the Northern Territory (151 per cent or 704mm), Deniliquin in NSW (145 per cent or 520mm), Normanton in Queensland (143 per cent or 1125mm) and Alice Springs in the Northern Territory (139 per cent or 394mm).

Near Swan Hill, Lake Boga horticulture producer Nathan Free said while last growing season was "horrendous with the rain and the consistency" it was followed by "a drier-than-average winter with enough of a rain front to keep cereal farmers and other croppers happy".

"But the last six to eight weeks have been ridiculous," Mr Free said, noting a wet finish to the year in his region which has caused crop production losses.

On the other end of the scale, Carnarvon in Western Australia recorded just 54mm of rain for the year – or a quarter of its average. Leigh Creek in outback South Australia measured 98mm, accounting for 45 per cent of its average.

Other centres to record less than half their normal total included Morowa in Western Australia with 136mm for the year (or 48 per cent of its average) and the NSW beef capital of Casino with 510mm (or 49 per cent).

West Australian grain grower Barry Large said while isolated pockets of the state, particularly in the south, received some rain early in the season and producers "enjoyed not too bad a season", the dynamic shifted for the worse the further inland.

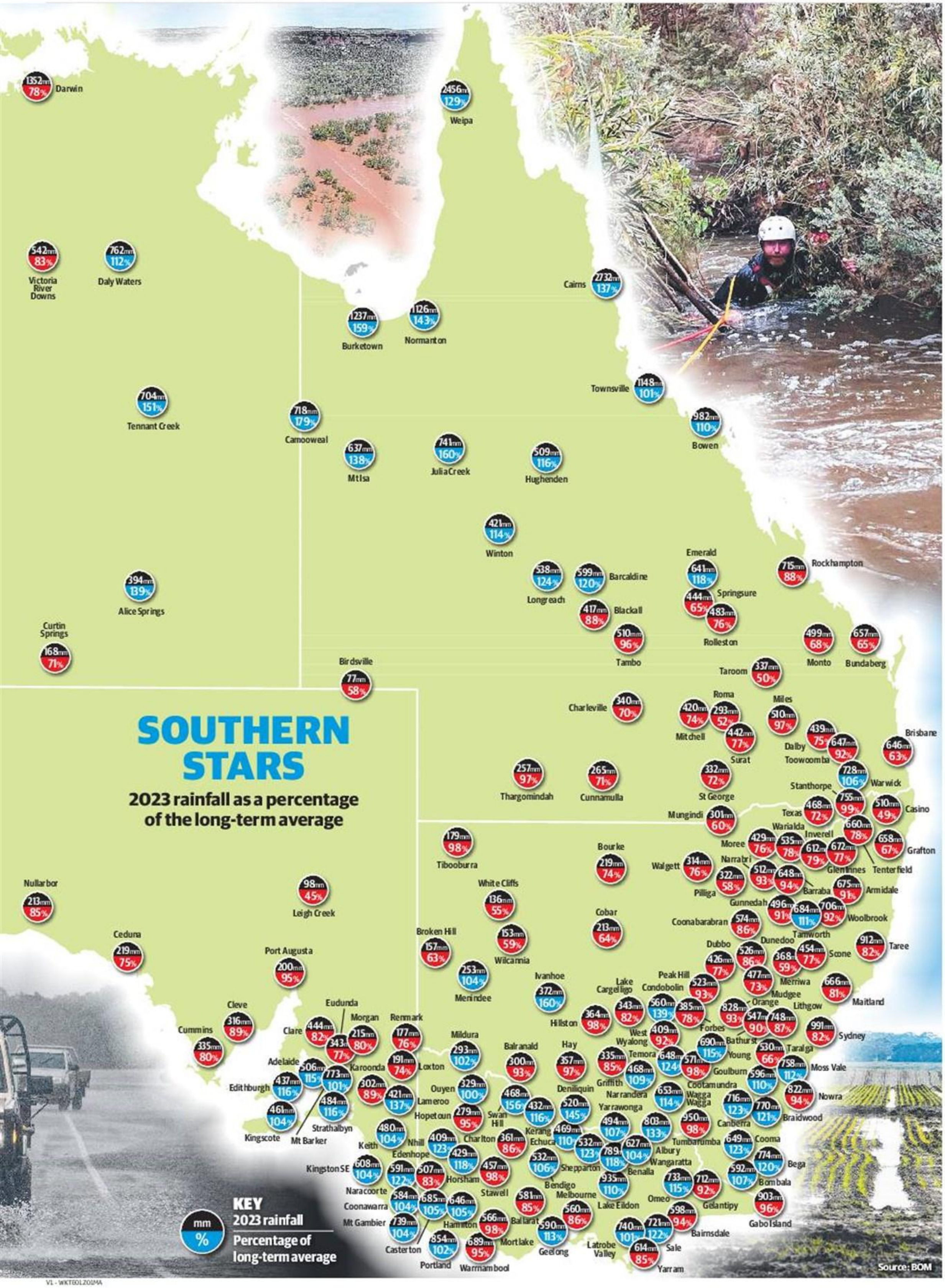
"Their finish was not kind," Mr Large said, describing his season at Miling, 200km northwest of Perth, as "one of the worst that we've experienced in my 30-odd years of farming".

"It's had a big effect."

Mr Large said despite remaining optimistic in the face of enduring dry conditions, "deep down many people are gutted".

Totals during 2023 were boosted by big falls during December, particularly in Queensland and the Northern Territory, as the traditional wet season arrived, but also in Victoria and NSW.

The best falls in Victoria during the month included Sale (183mm), Gelantipy (168mm), Kerang (118mm), Lake Eildon (113mm), Yarram (109mm), Swan Hill (107mm), Ballarat (103mm) and Bairnsdale (101mm).

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# Opinion

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## Road toll requires teamwork

Farmers say it. Truck drivers say it. Motorists across the state say it. But a former head honcho of VicRoads also says he's throughly frustrated with the condition of our rural roads.

David Anderson was the state road authority's chief executive from 2001 to 2006. After heading up VicRoads, he served as chairman of the National Transport Commission from 2013 to 2017.

So when Mr Anderson talks, it's with decades of experience in road maintenance and safety. He recently spoke publicly about Victoria's toll, which hit a 15-year high in 2023. A number of largely anonymous figures have been calling for a reduction in Victoria's rural road default speed limit. But not Mr Anderson, who says while it's good in theory, it won't work in practice.

"My first preference would be to spend about seven or eight times (the current figure) on fixing up our disgraceful road network," he told 3AW.

Mr Anderson said one of the reasons behind the rising road toll was a lack of proper co-ordination between governing agencies.

"We had a road toll of about 800 in the late 1980s, and the (Cain) government, was – you can imagine – beside itself," he said. "So we got together the police, the TAC and VicRoads at the chief executive level. Not down the line, not the so-called road safety experts."

The co-ordinated approach – famed for some gut-wrenching television ads from the TAC worked. Within five years, the road toll was slashed in half.

Credit where it's due – there were few complaints about the state of the roads when Mr Anderson was running VicRoads two decades ago. The road toll was also trending down then.

In 2024, getting wise counsel from those with runs on the board would be a worthwhile new year's resolution.

### Parks push threatens Victorian livelihood and recreation, says shooters body

# Plan a shot in the foot

The government must reject a push to lock Victorians out of public land, writes **BARRY HOWLETT**

A proposal to create a "Great Forest National Park" in our Central Highlands would rob hundreds of thousands of Victorians of the opportunity to participate actively in the great outdoors. With logging on public land officially ending this week, it's unclear what this proposal seeks to protect Victoria's public land from.

Pet dogs along with a plethora of active outdoor activities are banned from National Parks in Victoria.

More than 50,000 Victorians are licensed to hunt deer in our State Forests. About 10,000 of them hunt with a range of approved dog breeds by their side. Hunters who take to the field with man's best friend are more efficient (get more deer, more often) than those who don't. Hunters come from all walks of life, but the "typical" deer hunter is a 35-year-old tradie from the outer suburbs of Melbourne raising a young family.

Hunting is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to uses of public land that would be shut down by a massive new national park on Melbourne's doorstep. Take a trip to the state forests of the Central Highlands right now, and you will encounter thousands of Victorian families spending their summer break camping, many with their pets. Aside from being a fantastic way to spend their holidays, for an increasing number of Victorians, this is the only holiday they can afford.

Four-wheel drivers, climbers, cyclists, horse riders, trail-bike riders, household firewood collectors, fishers and apiarists would all have their proverbial wings clipped by the proposed tripling of the Central Highland's national parks, all for no environmental gain.

There is no evidence that locking up land in national parks is the best approach to conservation. As renowned conservation scientist Professor Hugh Possingham wrote in the journal Nature, "There's a whole bunch of people who love national parks and who have confused the outcome with the action. They think the aim now is to create more national parks, not to protect biodiversity".

There is no evidence national parks promote conservation. Picture: iStock

Public land must remain accessible to the everyday Victorians who like to use it, not locked up for the ideological gratification of a handful of noisy activists inside the "Goats Cheese Curtain".

With Victoria's population projected to be approaching nine million by the end of the next decade, Victorians need more space for active outdoor recreation, not less.

We already have a "Great Forest"; state forests are great forests!

**• Barry Howlett is communications manager at the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (Victoria)**

# A positive future for the preservation of parks

Victoria needs more forests listed for protection, writes **JORDAN CROOK**

National parks permanently protect native habitats. They form the backbone of our community's efforts to conserve our natural heritage, unique native wildlife, water catchments and carbon-rich forests. They also provide essential space for families across Victoria, to enjoy our great outdoors.

In a recent review from the Victorian Environmental Assessment Council, forests of the Central Highlands including those around Mt Baw Baw, Marysville and Toolangi have been recommended for national park status as they were found to have such high conservation value and little conflicting land uses.

These new and expanded parks will protect these unique forests and waterways on Melbourne's doorstep and improve accessibility and visitor facilities such as picnic and campground opportunities. Calls for these areas to be added to the parks estate can be traced back to the 1920s and the community is very clear in their support for new and expanded parks as well as their support for an increase in funding for park rangers and management.

Polling by independent firm Lonergan Research showed three quarters of Victorians support national park expansion and protection, including Great Forest National Park in the Yarra Ranges (76 per cent).

Inclusion into the national parks estate will mean the forests will have more resources and access to expertise for improved management and increased expertise in invasive species control.

Control of feral plants and animals is a huge challenge across Victoria, which requires a co-ordinated, informed, well-funded and large-scale approach.

Recreational hunters alone do not reduce the threat of invasive species such as deer, cats and foxes across the highlands. Co-ordinated approaches in parks have been highly successful in reducing and removing large numbers of feral plants and animals.

Expansion of these types of programs across new parks will see these threats reduced further, as little to no effective control happens in state forests.

Fire management in parks is often a conflated issue by those who seek to extract and harm forests for short-term gain. But national park status doesn't increase fire risk. Fire risk is managed by Forest Fire Management Victoria across all public land tenures including on private land.

Protection of these forests in national parks will improve outcomes for all the plants and animals that make up and rely on these forests, as well as us. These forests protect our water catchments and clean our air. It's time for new parks in the Central Highlands of Victoria.

**• Jordan Crook is parks and nature campaigner at the Victorian National Parks Association**

# Letters

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## Fight for the State to ditch carry-over

The hypocrisy of Emma Kealy and the National Party on northern Victoria water issues ("Buybacks will pour livelihoods down the drain", TWT, Dec 20). Does she not know:

1. That the structure of the Murray Darling Basin Plan was introduced to federal parliament in 2007 by the Liberal-National Party government. It included buybacks.

2. That in 2012 her National Party Victoria leader, as water minister, signed off on the state-operated 100 per cent of water rights able to be carried over from one year to the next, with a spill system, so that if dams overflowed carry-over water is lost.

3. Northern Victoria irrigators were given low security water rights, and this one third of irrigators' water rights cannot fit into the storages, even when they are full, because there is so much carry-over water held, mainly by the environment and water traders.

4. Irrigators are defrauded of 700,000 megalitres per year in northern Victoria, by this system.

5. I asked the ACCC how could a carry-over system be legal, when it gave non-farmers double the storage space as to what they own. With others, the National Party organised a packed water meeting in Moama, with the message that if you wish to keep farming buy your water needs a year ahead and carry it over. Two years of spill have shown what a great idea that was.

So Emma Kealy if you really are concerned for the welfare of communities, fight for the state to get rid of carry-over for the environment and water traders and give irrigators one third of their water back, control of storages back to GMW, so the river and towns and farms can be protected from floods.

**John Brian, Tongala**

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## Roo numbers in serious decline

Perpetuating myths about kangaroos is demeaning. ("Roo quota to drop", Dec 27)

Kangaroos are not a pest but a keystone native species.

Research by the CSIRO found that less than 8 per cent of agricultural land is visited by kangaroos. The CSIRO also determined that kangaroos prefer different foraging conditions to stock and they don't compete. More telling is a pro-commercial killing paper that clearly states "competition is no longer a justification for culling" (Olsen and Low 2006).

Further, CSIRO studies examining reported kangaroo crop damage found that: "damage was restricted to parts within 100m of a native forest boundary and was less than 1 per cent of the paddock yield" (Arnold and Steven).

As for the reported "plague" of kangaroos, it is biologically impossible. Kangaroos do not breed up after a good season. Without commercial killing, fires, floods, habitat destruction and illegal shooting, the birthrate may reach 10 per cent, the theoretical biological maximum. In a bad year 0 per cent. If there is a plague of kangaroos, why is the industry not fulfilling their quotas? Over the past four years, the killers only managed 80 per cent, 61 per cent, 57 per cent of their legal quotas. 2023 looks like being about 50 per cent.

These figures indicate Victorian kangaroo populations are in serious decline.

**Rob Armstrong, Maryborough**

## In defence of our iconic kangaroos

Having read the biased and sadly misinformed article on kangaroos portrayed as pests I wanted to say how sad I am that this newspaper promotes such views. It is such a backwards colonial attitude.

There are many Australian groups trying to fight for a better informed public regarding our unique, wonderful roos. Why were none consulted?

**Diane Roberts, Mt Clear**

## Nothing to crow about over ducks

Regarding the excellent letter by Karen Mander of Castlemaine (Letters, Dec 27), the said author discusses some extremely valid points as to why duck shooting must be permanently banned in Victoria. She states it is a waste of taxpayer money supporting these so-called models and that shooters: "are crowing about a new (taxpayer funded) computer model".

There is absolutely nothing to "crow" about the cruelty of duck shooting. The author further states: "These fancy computer models delight the armchair scientists in the hunting fraternity."

Duck shooters continually fail to see that nearly 90 per cent of people in this state, including those in rural communities, have had enough of the brutal and inhumane treatment of gentle, sentient native waterbird species.

Enough is enough. It is time to can this atrocity permanently and encourage nature-based tourism to regions such as Kerang, Boort, et al, instead of hearing the dreaded cracks of shotguns.

**Kate Bossence, Kerang**


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## PIECE OF MIND

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We have multiplied their habitat many times over, with crops and pastures, and plenty of dams for water ("Peninsula excluded from roo control zone", TWT, Dec 27). Now these farmers have no choice but to watch kangaroos eat away their livelihood.

**Rob**

I hope Georgie Purcell puts as much time into humans who don't have basic rights as she does for animals ("Bill reflects new mood", Dec 27).

**Stuart**

I'm surprised the Animal Justice Party does not support hunters ... There is no more ethical way to harvest meat than hunting. The animals live their best life and then they are cleanly taken.

**Paul**

Cruel reality: it's too expensive to manufacture anything in Australia ("Rinehart sidesteps Aussie-made question", Dec 26). Electricity is the highest in the world. And we can't compete with the likes of China and India and others on wages either.

**James**

Could they tell us something they have done for farmers in the past 15 years? ("VFF membership slide", Dec 27) The only thing I can think of is they've taken the farmers' money and done nothing in return.

**Quince**

What about an inquiry into the real reasons for the cost-of-living crisis? ("Littleproud prods Aldi", Dec 27). Absurd government policies forcing power prices skyward and decimation of farmers – thieving their land and water while charging them ever increasing levies and tying all and sundry in green tape.

**Karen**

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# Quiz

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## QUESTIONS

**1** Which planet in our solar system is famous for its ring system?

**2** **Which city will host this year's Summer Olympics?**

**3** Winston Churchill was prime minister of the United Kingdom during which world war?

**4** **In chess, each player begins with eight of what type of piece?**

**5** Hampshire Down is a breed of what farm animal?

**6** **Set to be filmed in the Victorian town of Walhalla, the film The Ice Road 2: Road to the Sky will star which Northern Irish actor?**

**7** Bay 13 is a famous section of the crowd at which Australian cricket ground?

**8** **In the classic "Slip, Slop, Slap" ad campaign, what item are you encouraged to "slip on"?**

**9** The longest-serving current state premier in Australia, Peter Malinauskas is premier of which state?

Picture: Yousuf Karsh

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**10** **In the Aussie children's TV show Bluey, is the title character a male or female dog?**

**11** Once a booming silver mining town, Yerranderie is now a ghost town in which Australian state or territory?

**12** **"How I wonder what you are" is a line from what traditional nursery rhyme?**

**13** Sportage, Stinger and Sorento are all models of car produced by which company?

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**14** **The gemstone garnet is typically what colour?**

**15** Which Australian rock band popular in the 1980s share their name with a swimming stroke?

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**16** **The Firm, The Pelican Brief and The Client are films based on best-selling novels by which American author of legal thrillers?**

**17** Australian conductor Richard Bonynge was married to which soprano for 56 years?

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Picture: [illegible] RAEL KLEIN

**18** **The Undara Lava Tubes are a tourist attraction in which Australian state or territory?**

**19** What was the name of the Australian celebrity chef and founder of Bills restaurant chain who died in London last month aged 54?

**20** **According to the 2021 census, which of these Victorian towns has the higher population: Nelson, Noojee, or Noorat?**

**21** Which '80s sitcom starred Bea Arthur, Betty White, Rue McClanahan and Estelle Getty as a quartet of older women living together in Miami?

**22** **The death of Princess Diana occurred in which year?**

**23** Which landscape painter and leading member of the Heidelberg School was born at Mount Duneed in 1867?

**24** **Conceived by inventor James Watt in the late 18th century, what unit of measuring power is abbreviated to hp?**

**25** Exiles, published in 2022, is the latest novel in a best-selling series featuring investigator Aaron Falk, written by which Australian author?

## CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**

1 Compositions
8 Cause pain to
9 Smokers' favourites
12 Specimens
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14 Swift animal
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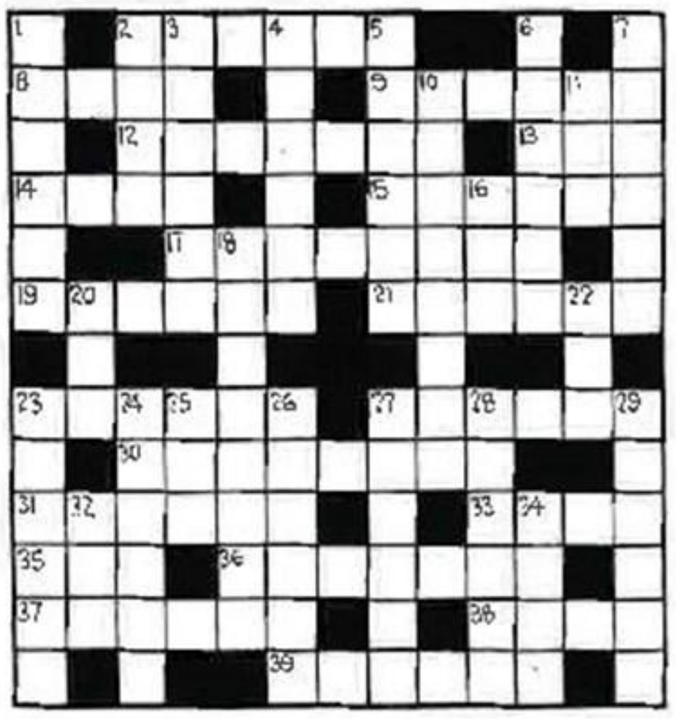

## QUIZ ANSWERS

**ANSWERS**

1. Saturn
2. Paris
3. World War II
4. Pawns
5. Sheep
6. Liam Neeson
7. MCG
8. A shirt
9. South Australia
10. Female
11. New South Wales
12. "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star"
13. Kia
14. Red
15. Australian Crawl
16. John Grisham
17. Dame Joan Sutherland
18. Queensland
19. Bill Granger
20. Noorat (which has 318, compared to Nelson with 191 and Noojee with 177)
21. The Golden Girls
22. 1997
23. Arthur Streeton
24. Horsepower
25. Jane Harper

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# Auction Action

## AUCTIONS >

### JANUARY

25: 3882 Bass Hwy, Kilcunda. 44.5ha lifestyle. 2pm. Fiona McMahon-Hughes 0417 743 355 and Megan Harris 0490 853 477

### FEBRUARY

1: 820 Border Rd, Strathdownie. 148.92ha livestock. 11am. Damian Venn 0438 904 771
2: Goodwin's Roy's, Kaniva. 257.4ha mixed farming. 2pm. Kaniva Community Hub. Stuart Kyle 0417 332 805
5: 5515 Bass Hwy, Wonthaggi. 4.41ha lifestyle. 11am. Phil Hanley 0417 140 508, Mick Chambers 0418 349 783
9: 1750 Sidebottoms Rd, Katandra West. 134.76ha cropping. 11am. Katandra Recreation Reserve. Kevin Hicks 0428 271 270, Lochlan Hicks 0458 216 577
15: Great Ocean Rd, Mepunga West. 51.26ha mixed farming. 1pm on site. Rob Rickard 0407 354 025
16: Gerang Gerung. 417.68ha cropping. 2pm. Gerang Gerung Hall. Andrew McIlree 0419 595 983
16: Lowe Rd, Rochester. 119ha mixed farming. 2pm. Rochester FNC social rooms. Tony Hooppell 0427 842 228
23: Hallowells Rd, Cudgee. 33.59ha lifestyle. 1pm. Allansford Hall. Tom Luxton 0427 528 548

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# AgProperty

The architect-designed home is set amid natural landscape.

# Nature at the doorstep

LORNE

FARM 100

**PROPERTY** lifestyle
**SIZE** 18.21ha
**SALE** expressions of interest close January 22
**PRICE** $6.9-$7.5 million
**AGENT** Great Ocean Road Real Estate Lorne
**CONTACT** Ian Stewart, 0418 522 571

**SUE WALLACE**

As soon as Peter Simson saw a former berry farm near Lorne, he could see the potential for his eco-friendly dream home, purchasing the land within 24 hours of his first inspection.

In the eight years since, he has completely rejuvenated the property, building a private luxury retreat surrounded by nature.

A developer, company director and investor, who also spends time at Noosa, Peter says he is fastidious about details and planning, which is reflected in the unique retreat.

"There was a small cottage on the place, which I demolished, and there's been a 100 per cent transformation of the property," he said.

"I re-fenced, moved excess logs from the creek, which is flora and fauna-friendly, built a house and added a pool and a lake.

"It's a dream property and house and even though you are just minutes from Lorne's main beach, it's totally private.

"You could be a million miles from anywhere and yet you are so close to world-class dining and Lorne's famous beach, with a sealed road to your front gate.

"It's really unique and I'll be sorry to sell."

Located at 100 Allenvale Rd, the property is four minutes from Lorne and bordered by the St George River and the Great Otway National Park.

The stunning Noxon Giffen architect-designed residence is set amid natural landscape and built to bushfire-resistant standards using lots of tough blackbutt timber.

The three-bedroom house has floor-to-ceiling glass throughout with captivating views from every room.

Peter said the glass, combined with wide eaves, allowed the winter sun to heat the building passively in the colder months while shading the living areas from the high sun in summer.

"You don't need airconditioning, because of the very wide eaves, wide decks and double glazing, and there's no chance of flooding as water drains into the lake," he said.

Other features include polished concrete floors with hydronic heating, a main bedroom with walk-in robes, and an ensuite with a view to the river.

There's also a Cheminees Philippe glass door wood fireplace and a spacious study with a river view workspace.

Outdoors, there is a bespoke 15m heated self-cleaning lap pool, an expansive deck and a remote-controlled cover.

The river flats are partially fenced and home to three Belted Galloways named Kevin, Malcolm and Tony, who share the property with the local mob of kangaroos and a resident flock of more than 70 native wood and black ducks, plus kookaburras.

There is also a large triple-car garage and separate expansive machinery shed, both with remote-controlled door access.

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COWWARR

480 TOONGABBIE–COWWARR RD

**PROPERTY** mixed farming
**SIZE** 184.12ha
**SALE** private
**PRICE** $3.6 million
**AGENT** Nutrien Harcourts
**CONTACT** Ben Greenwood, 0429 193 136

# A share of good fortune

The three-bedroom house on the 184ha property near Cowwarr.

**SUE WALLACE**

For the better part of two decades Allister and Tahnee Morris have share-farmed at their 184ha property in Gippsland's Wellington region, veering away from cropping and into grazing in recent seasons.

The couple started share-farming in 2007 on the Cowwarr property, about 7km from the quaint Cowwarr township. They later purchased the holding in 2016.

"It's a really nice block which is tucked away and protected from the south-westerly winds," Allister said.

"We had thought about it as a retirement block later on, but we have taken on other opportunities and have decided to consolidate, so we're selling."

The couple are busy on their nearby family farm where they have also built a new house.

Located about 25km from the major town of Traralgon, the Morris's property is spread across two titles and has a three-bedroom brick veneer house, currently rented, that was built in the 1960s.

"It's a very versatile property and is ideal for a variety of farming options," Allister said.

"In the past decade, more than five surrounding properties have gone into poultry, so there's plenty of opportunities.

"It would suit someone wanting an add-on farm or even a lifestyle block."

Improvements at the property include a two-stand shearing shed and yards, cattle yards and machinery shed.

Water supply is via town water and there are six dams plus 16 paddocks and five holding paddocks.

Nutrien Harcourts Yarram selling agent Ben Greenwood said the property was a "true agricultural gem" with its prime location and features making it an ideal choice for a range of farming pursuits.

"Whether you want a landholding for cattle grazing, a productive sheep farm, or a versatile cropping operation, the layout and amenities cater to a variety of agricultural ventures," he said.

"It's an excellent block in a great location and there are attractive views as well.

"It seamlessly blends comfort and functionality for an ideal farming lifestyle."

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**LOT 4: "SUTHERLANDS"**
1061.1 Hectares equalling 2582.2 Acres
98% Arable, in 6 paddocks, water by 9 dams
Red loam soil to clay base, established dry pasture and lucerne

**REMARKS:**
Extensive local land holding in almost one parcel, fencing is sheep proof. Most of this parcel is over 98% arable with balance being shelter belts, all dams can be filled from the Bendigo creek. Pipeline water also available (not connected).

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# Your weekly television guide

FRIDAY JANUARY 5

## ABC TV

**6.00** Stackorama! (PG, R) **7.00** News. **9.30** The Art Of Collecting. (R) **10.00** The Chemical World. (R) **11.00** Fake Or Fortune? (R) **12.00** News. **1.00** Vera. (Mv, R) **2.30** Muster Dogs. (R) **3.25** Tenable. (R) **4.15** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **5.10** Love Your Garden.

**6.00 Back Roads: Scottsdale, Tasmania.** (PG, R)
**6.25 Hard Quiz.** (PGs, R)
**7.00 ABC News.** A look at the top stories of the day.
**7.30 Monty Don's American Gardens.** Part 1 of 3. (R)
**8.30 Movie: Mao's Last Dancer. (2009)** Chi Cao, Bruce Greenwood, Kyle MacLachlan. A boy from a Chinese village is selected by a delegate of Madame Mao to study classical ballet in Beijing. (PG, R)
**10.25 Life.** (Mdl, R)
**11.25 Love Your Garden.** (R)
**12.15 Tenable.** (R)
**1.00 Wakefield.** (Mads, R)
**2.00** Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) **5.00** Rage. (PG)

## ABC TV PLUS

**6.00** Children's Programs. **4.25** Reef School. **4.35** Bea's Block. **4.50** Do, Re & Mi. **5.00** Peppa Pig. **5.05** Brave Bunnies. **5.15** Supertato. **5.20** The Adventures Of Paddington. **5.35** Kiya And The Kimoja Heroes. **5.45** Hey Duggee. **5.55** Octonauts. **6.10** Pfffirates. **6.20** Bluey. **6.30** Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom. **6.40** Andy's Prehistoric Adventures. **6.55** Shaun The Sheep. **7.05** Gardening Australia Junior. **7.20** Bluey. **7.30** Spicks And Specks. **8.00** Would I Lie To You? **8.30** Movie: The Craft. (1996) **10.10** Movie: Walkabout. (1971) **11.45** Would I Lie To You? **12.20** QI. **12.50** Killing Eve. **1.35** Back. **2.00** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. **3.35** ABC News Update. **3.40** Close. **5.00** Children's Programs.

## ABC ME

**6.00** Children's Programs. **2.25** Danger Mouse. **2.40** Supernoobs. **3.00** Hanazuki: Full Of Treasures. **3.15** Karma's World. **3.25** Dennis & Gnasher: Unleashed! **3.40** The Deep. **4.00** Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures. **4.15** Bluey. **4.20** Odd Squad. **4.45** Little Lunch. **5.00** Planet Lulin. **5.25** Miraculous: Tales Of Ladybug And Cat Noir. **5.45** Hotel Transylvania. **6.00** Born To Spy. **6.30** Operation Ouch! **7.00** Horrible Histories. **7.35** Phoenix Rise. Series Return. **8.35** Dragon Ball Super. **9.00** The Legend Of Korra. **9.50** Mythbusters "There's Your Problem!". **11.15** Close.

## SEVEN

**6.00** Sunrise. **9.30** Pre-Game Show. **10.30** Cricket. Third Test. Australia v Pakistan. Day 3. Morning session. **12.30** Test Cricket: The Lunch Break. **1.10** Cricket. Third Test. Australia v Pakistan. Day 3. Afternoon session. **3.10** Test Cricket: Tea Break. **3.30** Cricket. Third Test. Australia v Pakistan. Day 3. Late afternoon session.

**6.00 Seven News.**
***Albury:*** *7News Border.*
***6.30 Albury:*** *Seven News.*
**7.00 Better Homes And Gardens Summer.** Karen Martini cooks a tomato passata.
**8.30 Movie: Father Stu. (2022)** Mark Wahlberg, Mel Gibson, Jacki Weaver. After surviving a motorcycle accident, a former boxer uses his second chance to help others. (Malsv)
**11.05** Movie: A Perfect Murder. (1998) (Mlsv, R) **1.25** 12 Monkeys. (MA15+av, R) **2.30** Home Shopping. **4.00** Million Dollar Minute. (R) **5.00** NBC Today.

## 7TWO

**6.00** Home Shopping. **6.30** I Escaped To The Country. **7.30** A Moveable Feast. **8.00** Million Dollar Minute. **9.00** Harry's Practice. **9.30** NBC Today. **12.00** Better Homes And Gardens. **1.00** I Escaped To The Country. **2.00** A Moveable Feast. **2.30** Sydney Weekender. **3.00** Animal SOS Australia. **3.30** Harry's Practice. **4.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue. **4.30** Better Homes And Gardens. **5.30** I Escaped To The Country. **6.30** Bargain Hunt. **7.30** Pie In The Sky. **8.30** Escape To The Country. **10.30** Escape To The Perfect Town. **11.30** I Escaped To The Country. **12.30** Escape To The Country. **2.30** RSPCA Animal Rescue. **3.00** Better Homes And Gardens. **4.00** Better Homes And Gardens Summer. **5.30** Harry's Practice.

## 7MATE

**6.00** The Fishing Show. **7.00** On The Fly. **7.30** Creek To Coast. **8.00** A Football Life. **9.00** America's Game: The Super Bowl Champions. **10.00** Blokesworld. **10.30** Billy The Exterminator. **11.00** Storage Wars. **11.30** American Restoration. **12.00** American Pickers. **1.00** Pawn Stars. **2.00** Aussie Lobster Men. **3.00** Timbersports. **3.30** Counting Cars. **4.30** Storage Wars. **5.00** American Restoration. **5.30** American Pickers. **6.30** Pawn Stars. **7.30** Movie: Spider-Man. (2002) **10.00** Movie: The 6th Day. (2000) **12.30** Pawn Stars. **1.30** American Pickers. **2.30** Late Programs.

## NINE

**6.00** Today. **9.00** Today Extra Summer. (PG) **11.30** 9News Morning. **12.00** Movie: Love, Game, Match. (2022) (PGa, R) **2.00** Pointless. (PG, R) **3.00** Tipping Point. (PG, R) **4.00** 9News Afternoon. **5.00** Millionaire Hot Seat. (R)

**6.00 9News.**
**7.00 A Current Affair.**
**7.30 Tennis.** United Cup. Day 8. Fourth quarter-final. From Ken Rosewall Arena, Sydney.
**11.00 Movie: The Next Three Days. (2010)** Russell Crowe, Elizabeth Banks, Lennie James. A married couple's lives are turned upside down. (Mlv, R)
**1.30 Tipping Point.** Hosted by Ben Shephard. (PG, R)
**2.30 Destination WA.** Nikki Parkinson explores some hotspots. (PG, R)
**3.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping.** (R)
**4.00** Explore TV. (PG, R) **4.30** Global Shop. (R) **5.00** TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) **5.30** Sleppy The Bush Kangaroo. (R)

## 9GO!

**6.00** Polly Pocket. **6.30** Dino Ranch. **7.00** Bakugan. **7.30** Smashhdown! Search For The GOAT. **8.00** Beyblade Burst Surge. **8.30** Barbie. A Touch Of Magic. **9.00** Gigantosaurus. **9.30** Yu-Gi-Oh! Sevens. **10.00** Ninjago: Crystalized. **10.30** Pokémon Ultimate Journeys. **11.00** Transformers: Cyberverse. **11.30** Bakugan. **12.00** Barbie. A Touch Of Magic. **12.30** Movie: Barbie Mermaid Power. (2022) **1.50** Movie. Step Up. (2006) **4.00** Family Ties. **4.30** The Addams Family. **5.00** Bewitched. **5.30** Tennis. Brisbane International. Night 6. Quarter-finals. **11.00** Movie: Good Kill. (2014) **1.05** Under The Dome. **2.00** Life After Lockup. **3.00** Bakugan. **3.30** Beyblade Burst Surge. **4.00** Transformers: Cyberverse. **4.30** Children's Programs.

## 9GEM

**6.00** Gideon's Way. **7.00** Creflo Dollar Ministries. **7.30** Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. **8.00** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **10.30** Pointless. **11.30** My Favorite Martian. **12.00** Tennis. Brisbane International. Day 6. Quarter-finals. **5.30** Tennis. United Cup. Day 8. Quarter-finals. **7.30** David Attenborough's A Perfect Planet. **8.40** Movie: The Thomas Crown Affair. (1999) **11.00** Madam Secretary. **12.00** Movie: The Elephant Man. (1980) **2.30** Memory Lane. **3.50** Explore. **4.00** Adventures In Rainbow Country. **4.30** My Favorite Martian. **5.00** Animal Tales.

## TEN

**6.00** Luxury Escapes. (PG, R) **6.30** My Market Kitchen. (R) **7.00** Everyday Gourmet. (R) **7.30** Ent. Tonight. (R) **8.00** Farm To Fork. (R) **8.30** Judge Judy. (PG, R) **9.00** Jamie's Easy Meals For Every Day. (R) **9.30** Neighbours. (PGa, R) **10.00** Hungry. (PGl, R) **10.30** Luxury Escapes. (R) **11.00** Food Trail: South Africa. (R) **11.30** Planet Shapers. (R) **12.00** Bondi Rescue. (PGal, R) **1.00** Dr Phil. (PGal, R) **2.00** My Market Kitchen. (R) **2.30** Bold. (PGa, R) **3.00** Ent. Tonight. **3.30** Judge Judy. (PG, R) **4.00** Farm To Fork. **4.30** Jamie's Easy Meals For Every Day. (R) **5.00** News.

**6.30 The Project.**
**7.30 Movie: War Of The Worlds. (2005)** Tom Cruise, Dakota Fanning, Justin Chatwin. (Mv, R)
**9.50 Movie: Rambo: Last Blood. (2019)** Sylvester Stallone, Yvette Monreal, Paz Vega. (MA15+av, R)
**11.45** The Project. (R) **12.40** The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) **1.30** Home Shopping. (R)

## 10 BOLD

**6.00** Home Shopping. **8.00** Soccer. A-League Men. Round 10. Central Coast Mariners v Perth Glory. Highlights. **8.30** Diagnosis Murder. **9.30** Jake And The Fatman. **10.30** JAG. **12.30** Star Trek: Voyager. **2.30** Jake And The Fatman. **3.30** Diagnosis Murder. **5.30** JAG. **7.30** Bull. **8.30** NCIS. **9.25** NCIS: Hawai'i. **10.20** NCIS: Los Angeles. **11.15** 48 Hours. **12.15** Home Shopping. **2.15** Diagnosis Murder. **4.05** JAG.

## 10 PEACH

**6.00** The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. **7.00** The Neighborhood. **8.00** Becker. **9.00** NBL Slam. **9.30** The Middle. **10.30** Frasier. **11.30** The Neighborhood. **12.30** Becker. **1.30** The Big Bang Theory. **2.30** Ghosts. New Series. **4.30** Becker. **5.30** Frasier. **6.30** The Big Bang Theory. **8.30** Two And A Half Men. **11.00** Frasier. **12.00** Home Shopping. **1.30** The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. **2.30** Two And A Half Men. **3.00** Two And A Half Men. **3.30** The Bold And The Beautiful. **4.30** Home Shopping. **5.30** Joseph Prince: New Creation Church.

## SBS

**6.00** WorldWatch. **9.00** Legacy List With Matt Paxton. (PGa) **10.05** Paddington Station 24/7. (PGa, R) **11.00** Secret Cities. (PGan, R) **12.00** WorldWatch. **1.00** PBS News. **2.00** Mystery Of The Golden Warrior. (PGa, R) **3.00** Mastermind Aust. (R) **3.40** The Cook Up. (PGl, R) **4.10** The Supervet. (PGa, R) **5.05** Jeopardy! (R) **5.30** Letters And Numbers. (R)

**6.00 Mastermind Australia.** (R)
**6.30 SBS World News.**
**7.30 Tassie Tiger On The Rocks.** A look at the Tasmanian tiger.
**8.35 The Mayfair Hotel Megabuild.** Part 1 of 3. (Ml, R)
**9.40 Supertunnels.** A look at three vast tunnel projects. (PG, R)
**10.45 SBS World News Late.**
**11.15 L'Opera.** (Mal)
**12.10 Sisi.** (MA15+s)
**1.10 Sisi.** (Ma)
**2.55** Nine Perfect Strangers. (Mals, R) **3.55** Going Places With Ernie Dingo. (R) **5.00** NHK World English News Morning. **5.30** ANC Philippines The World Tonight.

## SBS VICELAND

**6.00** WorldWatch. **7.20** FBC News. **7.55** France 24 Feature. **8.10** ABC America Nightline. **8.40** CBC The National. **9.30** BBC News At Six. **10.00** Shortland Street. **12.00** The Indian Pacific: The Full Journey. **2.45** VICE World Of Sports. **3.15** BBC News At Ten. **3.45** ABC World News Tonight With David Muir. **4.35** PBS NewsHour. **5.15** Counter Space. **5.45** The Joy Of Painting With Bob Ross. **6.15** The Fast History Of. **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.30** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30** Hoarders. **9.20** Sex Actually With Alice Levine. **10.15** Planet Sex With Cara Delevingne. **11.10** Miniseries: The Sister. **1.00** Love And Sex In Russia. **2.00** Couples Therapy. **2.30** NHK World English News. **5.00** Al Jazeera Newshour.

## ABC NEWS

**6.00** Landline Summer. **6.30** Back Roads. **7.00** News. **9.30** The Business. **10.00** News. **11.30** ABC News Regional Roundup. **12.00** News. **1.30** Landline: Asia Pacific Specials. **2.00** ABC News Day. **3.30** Foreign Correspondent. **4.00** News. **5.00** ABC News. **5.30** India Now: Summer Special. **6.00** ABC Evening News. **6.40** If You're Listening. **7.00** ABC National News. **7.30** Back Roads. **8.00** ABC News Tonight. **8.25** Australian Story. **9.00** ABC Nightly News. **9.30** The Business. **10.00** The World. **10.30** Foreign Correspondent. **11.00** News. **11.30** Four Corners. **12.30** Late Programs.

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## SATURDAY JANUARY 6

### ABC TV

**6.00** Rage. (PG) **7.00** Weekend Breakfast. **9.00** Rage. (PG) **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **12.30** Movie: The Imitation Game. (2014) (Ma, R) **2.20** A Symphonic Odyssey With Professor Brian Cox. (R) **3.45** Outback Musical. (PG, R) **4.30** Grand Designs Transformations. (R) **5.30** Nick Cave And Warren Ellis At Hanging Rock. (PG, R)
**6.00 Attenborough And The Mammoth Graveyard.** A look at a mammoth graveyard. (R)
**7.00 ABC News.** A look at the top stories of the day.
**7.30 Darby And Joan.** New Series. A former cop and a nurse join forces. (PGa)
**8.20 Vera.** Part 3 of 4. DCI Vera Stanhope investigates the murder of a promising university student. (Ma, R)
**9.50 The Capture.** Isaac's paranoia intensifies. (Ml, R)
**10.50 Parkinson In Australia.** Hosted by Michael Parkinson. (PGs, R)
**11.55 Rage.** (MA15+adhlnsv)
**5.00 Rage.** (PG)

### SEVEN

**6.00** NBC Today. **7.00** Weekend Sunrise. **9.30** Pre-Game Show. **10.30** Cricket. Third Test. Australia v Pakistan. Day 4. Morning session. (Please note: alternative schedule may be shown due to changes to cricket coverage). **12.30** The Lunch Break. **1.10** Cricket. Third Test. Australia v Pakistan. Day 4. Afternoon session. **3.10** Test Cricket: Tea Break. **3.30** Cricket. Third Test. Australia v Pakistan. Day 4. Late afternoon session.
**6.00 Seven News.**
**7.00 Border Patrol.** (PGa)
**7.30 Movie: Grown Ups. (2010)** Adam Sandler, David Spade, Chris Rock. Five former friends reunite for a funeral. (PGls, R)
**9.45 Movie: Never Been Kissed. (1999)** Drew Barrymore, David Arquette, Michael Vartan. A subeditor at a Chicago newspaper goes undercover at her former high school to report on teenagers. (PGdls, R)
**12.00** 12 Monkeys. (MA15+av, R) **2.00** Home Shopping. **4.00** Get Clever. (R) **5.00** My Greek Odyssey. (PG, R)

### NINE

**6.00** Hello SA. (PG, R) **6.30** ACA. (R) **7.00** Weekend Today. **10.00** Mr Mayor. (PGs, R) **10.30** United Cup. Day 9. First semi-final. **4.00** The Pet Rescuers. (PG, R) **4.30** Customs. (PG, R) **5.00** 9News First At Five. **5.30** Country House Hunters Australia.
**6.00 9News Saturday.**
**7.00 A Current Affair.**
**7.30 Tennis.** United Cup. Day 9. Second semi-final. From Ken Rosewall Arena, Sydney.
**11.00 Movie: Jurassic Park III. (2001)** Sam Neill, William H. Macy, Téa Leoni. A sightseeing flight goes wrong. (Mv, R)
**12.45 The First 48.** (MA15+alv, R)
**1.45 Explore.** (R)
**2.00 The Incredible Journey Presents.** (PGa)
**2.30 Country House Hunters Australia.** (R)
**3.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping.** (R)
**4.30** Global Shop. (R) **5.00** TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) **5.30** Helping Hands Summer Series. (PG)

### TEN

**6.00** What's Up Down Under. (R) **6.30** Leading The Way. **7.00** Reel Action. (R) **7.30** My Market Kitchen. (R) **8.00** I Fish. (R) **8.30** Farm To Fork. (R) **9.00** Everyday Gourmet. (R) **9.30** 10 Minute Kitchen. (R) **10.00** Jay's Mission Melanoma Walk. (PGa, R) **11.00** Second Chance Champions. (PGal, R) **12.00** Taste Of Aust. (R) **12.30** The Yes Experiment. **1.00** GCBC. (R) **1.30** Exploring Off The Grid. (R) **2.00** Healthy Homes. (R) **2.30** Luca's Key Ingredient. (R) **3.00** All 4 Adventure. (PGl, R) **4.00** My Market Kitchen. **4.30** Farm To Fork. (R) **5.00** News.
**6.00 Movie: TMNT: Out Of The Shadows. (2016)** Megan Fox, Will Arnett, Laura Linney. (PGv, R)
**8.00 Movie: Lara Croft: Tomb Raider. (2001)** Angelina Jolie, Jon Voight, Iain Glen. An adventurer battles an evil organisation. (Mv, R)
**10.00 Movie: Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle Of Life. (2003)** Angelina Jolie, Gerard Butler, Ciarán Hinds. (Mv, R)
**12.30** Home Shopping. (R) **4.30** Authentic. (PG) **5.00** Hour Of Power.

### SBS

**6.00** WorldWatch. **9.00** Cook Up Bitesize. (Australia) (R) **9.05** Outside: Beyond The Lens. (PGa, R) **9.35** Outside: Beyond The Lens. (R) **10.05** Love Your Garden. (PGa, R) **11.00** Rick Steves' Europe. (R) **12.00** WorldWatch. **2.00** Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R) **2.10** Cook Up Bitesize. (Australia) (R) **2.15** En ' coda. (R) **3.35** Australia Burns: Silence Of The Land. (Australia) (PGa, R) **5.00** Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Prologue. Highlights. **6.00** Grand Tours Of Scotland's Rivers. Series Return. **6.30** News. **7.30** Secrets Of Britain's Historic Houses & Gardens. **8.40** Portugal's Atlantic Train. (Germany) **9.30** World's Most Scenic Railway Journeys. (R) **10.20** Secrets Of The Royal Palaces. (PGa, R) **11.10** Rex In Rome. (Italy) (Mlv, R) **12.05** Rex In Rome. (Italy) (PGv, R) **1.00** Mister8. (Finland) (MA15+a, R) **2.10** Mister8. (Finland) (Malv, R) **3.10** Going Places. (PGa, R) **4.10** Barnay. (Australia) (R) **4.40** Destination Flavour Bitesize. (R) **5.00** NHK World English News Morning. (Japan) **5.15** France 24 Feature. **5.30** ANC Philippines The World Tonight. (Philippines)

### ABC TV PLUS

**6.00** Children's Programs. **4.50** Do, Re & Mi. **5.00** Peppa Pig. **5.05** Brave Bunnies. **5.15** Supertato. **5.20** The Adventures Of Paddington. **5.35** Kiya And The Kimoja Heroes. **5.45** Hey Duggee. **5.55** Octonauts. **6.10** Pffffirates. **6.20** Bluey. **6.30** Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom. **6.40** Andy's Prehistoric Adventures. **6.55** Shaun The Sheep. **7.05** Karma's World. **7.20** Bluey. **7.30** Spicks And Specks. **8.00** QI. **8.30** Melbourne Comedy Festival: The Gala. **9.30** Melbourne Comedy Festival: The Gala. **10.30** Whose Line Is It Anyway? **11.15** Brian Johnson's A Life On The Road. **12.00** State Of The Union. **12.20** Myth Busters. **1.10** Portlandia. **1.35** Portlandia. **2.00** Black Mirror. **3.00** ABC News Update. **3.05** Close. **5.00** Children's Programs.

### 7TWO

**6.00** Home Shopping. **8.30** Travel Oz. **10.00** Escape To The Country. **12.00** Horse Racing. Aquis $1.6 Million Raceday featuring The TAB Wave, Royal Randwick Raceday And Super Saturday On The Coast. **6.00** Extreme Animal Transport. **6.30** The Yorkshire Vet In Autumn. **7.30** The Yorkshire Vet. **8.30** Escape To The Country. **10.30** The Yorkshire Vet. **11.30** Carol Drinkwater's Secret Provence. **12.30** Last Chance Learners. **1.00** Escape To The Country. **2.00** Animal SOS Australia. **2.30** Creek To Coast. **3.00** Weekender. **3.30** Sydney Weekender. **4.00** Travel Oz. **5.30** Home Shopping.

### 9GO!

**6.00** Gigantosaurus. **6.30** True And The Rainbow Kingdom. **7.00** Magic Mixies. **7.30** Space Nova. **8.00** Cry Babies Magic Tears. **8.30** Spidey And His Amazing Friends. **9.00** Transformers: Prime. **9.30** Bakugan: Geogan Rising. **10.00** LEGO City Adventures. **10.30** LEGO Jurassic World. **11.00** Earth Science Investigators. **11.30** Pokémon. **12.00** Tennis. Brisbane International. Day 7. Semi-finals and women's doubles final. **6.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. **7.30** Tennis. Brisbane International. Night 7. Semi-finals. **11.30** Movie: In The Heart Of The Sea. (2015) **2.00** Movie: Intersection. (2020) **3.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. **4.30** Pokémon. **4.50** LEGO City Adventures. **5.10** LEGO Jurassic World. **5.30** Polly Pocket.

### 10 BOLD

**6.00** Home Shopping. **9.00** Exploring Off The Grid. **9.30** Diagnosis Murder. **11.30** On The Fly. **12.00** Escape Fishing With ET. **12.30** Dr Phil. **1.30** Luxury Escapes. **2.00** Jake And The Fatman. **3.00** JAG. **7.00** Soccer. A-League Men. Round 11. Brisbane Roar v Sydney FC. **10.15** SEAL Team. **11.10** Evil. **12.05** NCIS: Los Angeles. **1.00** FBI: International. **2.00** 48 Hours. **3.00** JAG. **5.00** Home Shopping.

### SBS VICELAND

**6.00** TRT World Newshour. **6.50** Indian Country Today News. **7.20** FBC News. **7.55** France 24 Feature. **8.10** ABC America Nightline. **8.40** CBC The National. **9.30** BBC News At Six. **10.00** Shortland Street. **12.00** The Tailings. (Final) **12.15** Gymnastics. FIG Artistic World Cup series. Individual apparatus. Replay. **1.50** 187 Minutes: Capitol Riots. **2.45** BBC News At Ten. **3.15** ABC World News Tonight With David Muir. **3.40** PBS NewsHour. **4.40** Asia's Next Top Model. **5.40** Australia In Colour. **6.40** The Toys That Built The World. **7.30** Building The Ultimate. **8.30** Big Fat Quiz Of The Year 2023. **10.00** Letterkenny. **11.00** Fear The Walking Dead. **12.50** The X-Files. **2.30** NHK World English News.

### ABC ME

**6.00** Children's Programs. **1.35** The Dengineers. **2.05** Horrible Histories. **2.35** Operation Ouch! **3.35** Odd Squad. **3.55** The Penguins Of Madagascar. **4.20** Bluey. **4.30** Mystery Lane. **4.50** Miraculous: Tales Of Ladybug And Cat Noir. **5.15** Total Drama Island. **5.35** 100 Things To Do Before High School. **6.00** The Next Step. **6.30** Operation Ouch! **7.00** Horrible Histories. **7.30** Shaun The Sheep. **7.40** Space Nova. **8.00** The Legend Of Korra. **8.25** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **8.50** Mustangs FC. **9.15** School Of Rock. **9.35** Mythbusters "There's Your Problem!". **11.15** Close.

### 7MATE

**6.00** The Fishing Show. **7.00** On The Fly. **7.30** Step Outside With Paul Burt. **8.00** A Football Life. **9.00** America's Game: The Super Bowl Champions. **10.00** American Pickers. **11.00** Pawn Stars. **12.00** On Tour With Allan Border. **12.30** Timbersports. **1.00** Blokesworld. **1.30** My Road To Adventure. **2.30** Rides Down Under: Workshop Wars. **3.30** Secrets Of The Supercars. **4.30** Storage Wars: Miami. **5.30** Storage Wars. **6.00** Pawn Stars. **7.00** Storage Wars. **7.30** Air Crash Investigations: The Accident Files. **8.30** Disasters At Sea. **9.30** Mighty Trains. **11.30** Building Giants. **12.30** Late Programs.

### 9GEM

**6.00** Thunderbirds. **6.30** Adventures In Rainbow Country. **7.00** Leading The Way. **7.30** Gideon's Way. **8.30** Tomorrow's World. **9.00** Turning Point With Dr David Jeremiah. **9.30** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **10.00** Helping Hands Summer Series. **10.30** My Favorite Martian. **11.00** Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. **11.30** Movie: The Man Upstairs. (1958) **1.20** Movie: South Of Algiers. (1953) **3.15** Movie: Sitting Bull. (1954) **5.30** Tennis. United Cup. Day 9. Semi-finals. **7.30** Movie: Thelma & Louise. (1991) **10.10** Movie: Misery. (1990) **12.20** Memory Lane. **1.40** Late Programs.

### 10 PEACH

**6.00** The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. **7.00** Becker. **8.00** Frasier. **9.00** Neighbours. **11.00** Farm To Fork. **11.30** Ghosts. **1.30** Movie: The Personal History Of David Copperfield. (2019) **4.00** Becker. **5.00** The Middle. **6.00** The Big Bang Theory. **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. **10.30** Friends. **12.00** Home Shopping. **1.30** The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. **2.30** South Park. **3.30** Just For Laughs Montreal. **4.30** Home Shopping.

### ABC NEWS

**6.00** Morning Programs. **11.30** 7.30: The Interviews. **12.00** News. **12.30** ABC News Regional Roundup. **1.00** ABC News. **1.25** Kitchen Cabinet. **2.00** Breaking The Code: Cyber Secrets Revealed. **3.00** ABC News. **3.30** Compass. **4.00** ABC News. **4.30** The Business. **5.00** ABC News. **5.30** The Pacific. **6.00** Evening News. **6.30** 7.30: The Interviews. **7.00** National News. **7.30** Back Roads. **8.00** News Tonight. **8.25** Aust Story. **9.00** Nightly News. **9.30** China Tonight: Summer Special. **10.00** Late News Weekend. **10.30** Compass. **11.00** News. **11.30** Four Corners. **12.15** Late Programs.

## SUNDAY JANUARY 7

### ABC TV

**6.00** Rage. (PG) **7.00** Weekend Breakfast. **9.00** Pilgrimage: The Road To Rome. (R) **10.00** The Australian Soul With Geraldine Doogue. (PG, R) **11.00** Compass. (PG, R) **11.30** Praise. (R) **12.00** News. **12.30** Landline Summer. (R) **1.00** New Leash On Life. (R) **1.30** Gardening Aust. (R) **2.35** Nigella Bites. (R) **3.00** Martin Clunes: Islands Of The Pacific. (PG, R) **4.10** Pick Of The Litter. (R) **5.25** The ABC Of. (PG, R)
**6.00 Grand Designs Transformations.** (R)
**7.00 ABC News.** A look at the top stories of the day.
**7.30 Movie: Strictly Ballroom. (1992)** Paul Mercurio, Tara Morice, Gia Carides. A dancer goes against the establishment. (PG, R)
**9.05 Movie: Spotlight. (2015)** Michael Keaton, Rachel McAdams, Mark Ruffalo. Journalists investigate claims of abuse. (Mal, R)
**11.10 Movie: Girl With A Pearl Earring. (2003)** Colin Firth, Scarlett Johansson, Tom Wilkinson. (PGa, R)
**12.50 Rage Vault.** (MA15+adhlnsv)
**4.10** The Durrells. (PG, R) **5.00** Pilgrimage: The Road To Rome. (R)

### SEVEN

**6.00** NBC Today. **7.00** Weekend Sunrise. **9.30** Pre-Game Show. **10.30** Third Test. Australia v Pakistan. Day 5. Morning session. (Please note: alternative schedule may be shown due to changes to cricket coverage). **12.30** Test Cricket: The Lunch Break. **1.10** Third Test. Australia v Pakistan. Day 5. Afternoon session. **3.10** Test Cricket: Tea Break. **3.30** Third Test. Australia v Pakistan. Day 5. Late afternoon session.
**6.00 Seven News.**
**7.00 Cricket.** Big Bash League. Game 29. Brisbane Heat v Hobart Hurricanes. From the Gabba, Brisbane.
**11.00 7NEWS Spotlight.** An exclusive, special investigation.
**12.00 Bates Motel.** Norman is haunted by a tragic event. (MA15+av, R)
**1.00 Emergency Call.** A caller reports two girls being attacked. (PGa, R)
**1.30 Harry's Practice.** Information about pet care. (R)
**2.00 Home Shopping.**
**3.30 Million Dollar Minute.** (R)
**4.00 NBC Today.**
**5.00 Seven Early News.**
**5.30** Sunrise.

### NINE

**6.00** Fishing Australia. (R) **6.30** A Current Affair. (R) **7.00** Weekend Today. **10.00** Ocean Thunder. (R) **11.00** The Bizarre Pet Vets. (PGm, R)
**12.00 Great Getaways.** (PG, R)
**1.00 Movie: Mr Holland's Opus. (1995)** Richard Dreyfuss, Glenne Headly, Jay Thomas. (PGl, R)
**3.50 The Deep Blueprint: Wild Sri Lanka.**
**5.00 9News First At Five.**
**5.30 RBT.** Follows the activities of police units. (PGdl, R)
**6.00 9News Sunday.**
**7.00 Tennis.** United Cup. Day 10. Final. From Ken Rosewall Arena, Sydney.
**11.30 To Be Advised.**
**2.00 Ocean Thunder.** (R)
**3.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping.** (R)
**4.00 Believer's Voice Of Victory.** Religious program. (PGa)
**4.30 Golf Barons.** A panel of experts discusses golf and takes up innovative experiments with how the game can be played.
**5.00 9News Early.**
**5.30 Today.** The latest in news and current affairs.

### TEN

**6.00** Mass. **6.30** Key Of David. (a) **7.00** Leading The Way. (PGa, R) **7.30** Tomorrow's World. (PGa, R) **8.00** Everyday Gourmet. (R) **8.30** Freshly Picked. (R) **9.00** Taste Of Aust. (R) **9.30** My Market Kitchen. (R) **10.00** Charming China. (PG, R) **10.30** Farm To Fork. (R) **11.00** What's Up Down Under. (R) **12.00** 4x4 Adventures. (R) **1.00** Hungry. (PGl, R) **1.30** Destination Dessert. (R) **2.00** Everyday Gourmet. (R) **2.30** My Market Kitchen. (R) **3.00** GCBC. (R) **3.30** Farm To Fork. (R) **4.00** All 4 Adventure. (PGal) **5.00** 10 News First.
**6.00 The Graham Norton Show.** Guests include Emma Stone. (PGls)
**7.30 Movie: The Lost City. (2022)** Sandra Bullock, Channing Tatum, Daniel Radcliffe. A reclusive romance novelist on a book tour with her cover model gets kidnapped by an eccentric billionaire. (Masv)
**9.45 Movie: Second Act. (2018)** Jennifer Lopez, Vanessa Hudgens, Leah Remini. After being turned down for a promotion by her employers, a woman reinvents herself. (Mls, R)
**12.00 Home Shopping.** (R)
**4.30** CBS Mornings.

### SBS

**6.00** WorldWatch. **9.00** Where Are You Really From? (Australia) (PG, R) **10.30** Cycling. National Road Championships. Women's Elite Road Race. **12.30** National Road Championships: Studio Show. **1.30** Cycling. National Road Championships. Men's Elite Road Race.
**6.00 Grand Tours Of Scotland's Rivers: The Lower Dee.**
**6.30 SBS World News.**
**7.30 Asia's Ancient Civilisations: Japan's Mighty Tokugawa Shogunate.** Part 1 of 4. (PG)
**8.25 Asia's Ancient Civilisations: South Korea's Longest Reigning Joseon Dynasty.** Part 2 of 4. (PG)
**9.20 Tutankhamun: Secrets Of The Toxic Tomb.** Part 1 of 2. (PG, R)
**10.15 Race For The Sky: Rise Of The Pioneers.** Part 1 of 2. (PGalv, R)
**11.15 Lance.** (Mal, R)
**1.00 Lance.** (Mal, R)
**3.00** Child Genius Australia. (PG, R) **4.00** Going Places With Ernie Dingo. (R) **4.30** Barnay. (Australia) (R) **5.00** NHK World English News Morning. (Japan) **5.15** France 24 Feature. **5.30** Al Jazeera News. (Qatar)

### ABC TV PLUS

**6.00** Children's Programs. **2.50** Peter Rabbit. **3.05** Ready, Jet, Go! **3.15** Pablo. **3.30** Play School. **4.00** Grace's Amazing Machines. **4.20** Andy And The Band. **4.35** Little J And Big Cuz. **4.50** Do, Re & Mi. **5.00** Peppa Pig. **5.05** Octonauts. **5.35** Kiya And The Kimoja Heroes. **5.45** Hey Duggee. **5.55** Octonauts. **6.10** Pffffirates. **6.20** Bluey. **6.30** Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom. **6.40** Andy's Prehistoric Adventures. **6.55** Shaun The Sheep. **7.05** Karma's World. **7.20** Bluey. **7.30** Spicks And Specks. **8.00** QI. **8.30** Louis Theroux: America's Medicated Kids. **9.30** You Can't Ask That. **9.50** Doc Martin. **10.35** Penn & Teller: Fool Us. **11.20** Miniseries: The Hollow Crown. **1.40** ABC News Update. **1.45** Close. **5.00** Children's Programs.

### 7TWO

**6.00** My Greek Odyssey. **7.00** Tomorrow's World. **7.30** Leading The Way. **8.00** David Jeremiah. **8.30** Home Shopping. **9.00** Escape To The Country. **11.00** DVine Living. **11.30** Last Chance Learners. **12.00** Better Homes And Gardens. **1.00** Carol Drinkwater's Secret Provence. **2.00** To Be Advised. **2.30** Extreme Animal Transport. **3.00** The Yorkshire Vet In Autumn. **4.00** The Yorkshire Vet. **5.00** I Escaped To The Country. **6.00** Escape To The Country. **7.00** The Vicar Of Dibley. **8.30** Call The Midwife. **11.05** Chris Tarrant's Extreme Railways. **12.05** I Escaped To The Country. **1.00** Better Homes And Gardens. **2.00** My Greek Odyssey. **3.00** Chris Tarrant's Extreme Railways. **4.00** Million Dollar Minute. **5.00** Late Programs.

### 9GO!

**6.00** Children's Programs. **9.30** Transformers Bumblebee: Cyberverse Adventures. **10.00** Beyblade Burst QuadStrike. **10.30** Pokémon Master Journeys. **11.00** Ninjago: Dragons Rising. **11.30** LEGO Friends: Girls On A Mission. **12.00** Yu-Gi-Oh! Sevens. **12.30** Power Players. **1.00** Teen Titans Go! **1.30** FIA World Endurance Championship: End Of Season Review. **2.30** Rich House, Poor House. **3.30** Movie: Loch Ness. (1996) **5.30** Tennis. Brisbane International. Night 8. Finals. **8.00** Movie: War With Grandpa. (2020) **10.00** Movie: Fighting With My Family. (2019) **12.15** Surviving The Stone Age. **1.10** Surviving The Stone Age. **2.05** Surviving The Stone Age. **3.00** Teen Titans Go! **3.30** Beyblade Burst QuadStrike. **4.00** Children's Programs.

### 10 BOLD

**6.00** Home Shopping. **7.30** Key Of David. **8.00** The Offroad Adventure Show. **9.00** All 4 Adventure. **10.00** Escape Fishing With ET. **11.00** JAG. **1.00** On The Fly. **1.30** Taste Of Australia: BBQ. **2.00** iFish. **2.30** What's Up Down Under. **3.30** JAG. **4.30** Soccer. A-League Men. Round 11. Western United v Melbourne City. **7.00** JAG. **8.00** NCIS. **11.00** NCIS: Los Angeles. **12.00** SEAL Team. **1.00** NCIS: Hawai'i. **2.00** Evil. **3.00** 48 Hours. **4.00** JAG.

### SBS VICELAND

**6.00** WorldWatch. **7.20** FBC News. **7.50** France 24 Feature. **8.40** CBC The National. **9.30** Small Business Secrets. **10.00** Shortland Street. **12.00** Patriot Brains. **12.55** Speedweek. **2.55** Jungletown. **3.45** The Casketeers. **4.35** France 24 English News. **4.45** Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Stage 1. Highlights. **5.45** Alone Sweden. New Series. **6.40** The Buildings That Fought Hitler. **7.35** Abandoned Engineering. **8.30** Billy Connolly: Great American Trail. **9.25** Cracking The Code. **10.30** The Gentle Art Of Swedish Death Cleaning. New Series. **11.25** Witch Hunt. **1.15** Hamilton's Pharmacopeia. **2.05** Tales From The Territories. **3.00** NHK World English News. **5.00** Al Jazeera Newshour.

### ABC ME

**6.00** Children's Programs. **2.40** Operation Ouch! **3.25** Gardening Australia Junior. **3.35** Odd Squad. **4.00** The Penguins Of Madagascar. **4.20** Bluey. **4.30** Mystery Lane. **4.55** Miraculous: Tales Of Ladybug And Cat Noir. **5.15** Total Drama Island. **5.40** 100 Things To Do Before High School. **6.05** The Next Step. **6.30** Operation Ouch! **7.00** Horrible Histories. **7.30** Shaun The Sheep. **7.35** Space Nova. **8.00** The Legend Of Korra. **8.25** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **8.45** Mustangs FC. **9.10** School Of Rock. **9.35** Mythbusters "There's Your Problem!". **10.00** Rage Heroes Of Hip Hop Special. **11.15** Close.

### 7MATE

**6.00** The Fishing Show. **7.00** On The Fly. **7.30** Creek To Coast. **8.00** A Football Life. **9.00** America's Game: The Super Bowl Champions. **10.00** Storage Wars: Miami. **11.00** Storage Wars. **11.30** Fish Of The Day. **12.00** The Fishing Show By AFN. **1.00** Hook, Line And Sinker. **2.00** Merv Hughes Fishing. **2.30** Step Outside With Paul Burt. (Final) **3.00** Mark Berg's Fishing Addiction. **4.00** Pawn Stars. **5.00** Storage Wars: Texas. **6.00** Border Security: International. **7.00** Border Security: Australia's Front Line. **8.30** Movie: U-571. (2000) **10.55** Movie: Unforgiven. (1992) **2.00** Late Programs.

### 9GEM

**6.00** Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. **6.30** Amazing Facts Presents. **7.00** Leading The Way. **7.30** In Touch Ministries. **8.00** Beyond Today. **8.30** The Incredible Journey Presents. **9.00** Turning Point With Dr David Jeremiah. **9.30** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **10.00** My Favorite Martian. **10.30** World's Greatest Islands. **11.30** Movie: Night Boat To Dublin. (1946) **1.30** Tennis. Brisbane International. Day 8. Finals. **5.30** Tennis. United Cup. Day 10. Final. **7.00** M*A*S*H. **8.30** Movie: The Sentinel. (2006) **10.45** Madam Secretary. **11.45** Movie: Accident. (1967) **1.55** Late Programs.

### 10 PEACH

**6.00** The Middle. **10.00** Movie: Go! (2020) **12.00** The Neighborhood. **2.00** Basketball. **4.00** Basketball. **6.00** The Big Bang Theory. **8.30** Two And A Half Men. **9.30** South Park. **11.00** Friends. **12.00** Home Shopping. **1.30** Just For Laughs Montreal. **2.30** The Bold And The Beautiful. **4.30** Home Shopping.

### ABC NEWS

**6.00** Morning Programs. **10.25** Kitchen Cabinet. **11.00** ABC News. **11.30** Landline. **12.00** News. **12.30** The Business. **1.00** ABC News. **1.30** Project Wild. **2.00** ABC News. **2.30** Aust Story. **3.00** ABC News. **3.30** One Plus One. **4.00** ABC News. **4.30** ABC News Regional Roundup. **5.00** ABC News. **5.30** Project Wild. **6.00** Evening News. **6.30** China Tonight: Summer Special. **7.00** National News. **7.30** Back Roads. **8.00** News Tonight. **8.25** Aust Story. **9.00** Nightly News. **9.30** India Now: Summer Special. **10.00** Late News Weekend. **10.30** Compass. **11.00** News. **11.30** Four Corners. **12.10** Late Programs.

# Your weekly television guide

## MONDAY JANUARY 8

### ABC TV

**6.00** News. **9.00** News. **10.00** Movin' To The Country. (R) **11.00** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **12.00** News. **1.00** Vera. (Mav, R) **2.30** Back Roads. (PG, R) **3.00** Cook And The Chef. (R) **3.25** Tenable. (PG, R) **4.10** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **5.10** Love Your Garden.
**6.00 Back Roads: Thallon, Queensland.** (R)
**6.30 Hard Quiz.** (PG, R)
**7.00 ABC News.**
**7.30 7.30.** Series Return. Presented by David Speers.
**8.00 The Search For The Palace Letters.** The story of Professor Jenny Hocking. (PG)
**9.00 Harley & Katya.** Tells the story of an unlikely skating duo. (Ml, R)
**10.30 You Can't Ask That.** (Mal, R)
**11.00 Changing Ends.** (PG, R)
**11.25 Changing Ends.** (PG, R)
**11.50 Love Your Garden.** (R)
**12.35** Tenable. (PG, R) **1.20** Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) **3.40** Classic Countdown. (Final) (PG, R) **4.40** The Durrells. (PG, R) **5.30** 7.30. (R)

### SEVEN

**6.00** Sunrise. **9.00** The Morning Show Summer Series. (PG) **11.30** News. **12.00** Home And Away. (PGasv, R) **1.30** Beach Cops. (PG, R) **2.00** Border Security: Int. (PG, R) **2.30** Surf Patrol. (R) **3.00** The Chase. (R) **4.00** News. **5.00** The Chase Australia.
**6.00 Seven News.**
***Albury:*** *7News Border.*
***6.30 Albury:*** *Seven News.*
**7.00 Home And Away.** Series Return. Two lives hang in the balance, and Bree's personal and professional lives collide. (PGav)
**7.35 Cricket.** Big Bash League. Game 30. Sydney Thunder v Perth Scorchers. From Sydney Showground Stadium.
**11.00 Motorway Patrol.** Officers deal with a drunk driver. (PGa)
**11.30 Highway Cops.** Authorities encounter clueless drivers. (PGl)
**12.00 Bates Motel.** (Mav, R)
**1.00 Bates Motel.** (Ma, R)
**2.00 Home Shopping.**
**4.00** NBC Today. **5.00** Seven Early News.
**5.30** Sunrise.

### NINE

**6.00** Today. **9.00** Today Extra Summer. (PG) **11.30** 9News Morning. **12.00** Movie: Undercover Blues. (1993) (PGlsv, R) **2.00** Pointless. (PG, R) **3.00** Tipping Point. (PG, R) **4.00** 9News Afternoon. **4.30** Hot Seat. (R) **5.30** News. **6.00** 9News.
**7.00 A Current Affair.**
**7.30 David Attenborough's Planet Earth III: Human.** Narrated by Sir David Attenborough. (PG)
**8.40 Australian Crime Stories: Deadly Deception.** Takes a look at the case of Renae Marsden, who died by suicide on the day her relationship ended. (Mav, R)
**9.50 Vanished: The Disappearance Of Dolores McCrea.** Takes a look at the murder of Dolores McCrea. (Mav)
**10.50** Law & Order: Organized Crime. (MA15+av) **11.40** Kenan. (Ms) **12.05** Tipping Point. (PG, R) **1.00** Pointless. (PG, R) **2.00** Hello S.A. (PG) **2.30** Global Shop. (R) **3.00** TV Shop. (R) **4.00** Believer's Voice Of Victory. (PGa) **4.30** ACA. (R) **5.00** 9News Early. **5.30** Today.

### TEN

**6.00** The Talk. (PGa) **7.00** Everyday Gourmet. (R) **7.30** Ent. Tonight. (R) **8.00** Farm To Fork. (R) **8.30** GCBC. (R) **9.00** Judge Judy. (PG, R) **9.30** Bold. (PGa, R) **10.00** The Yes Experiment. (PGl, R) **10.30** Luxury Escapes. (R) **11.00** Food Trail: South Africa. (R) **11.30** My Market Kitchen. (R) **12.00** 10 News First: Midday. **1.00** Dr Phil. (PGal, R) **2.00** Jamie Cooks The Mediterranean. (PGa, R) **3.00** Ent. Tonight. **3.30** Farm To Fork. **4.00** Neighbours. (PGa) **4.30** Bold. (PGa) **5.00** News.
**6.30 The Project.** A look at the day's news.
**7.30 Movie: Jack Reacher. (2012)** Tom Cruise, Rosamund Pike, Jai Courtney. A former US Army military police officer investigates the shooting of five innocent civilians by a sniper. (Mlv, R)
**10.00 Movie: A Quiet Place II. (2021)** Emily Blunt, Cillian Murphy, Millicent Simmonds. A family continues its fight for survival. (Mhv)
**12.00** The Project. (R) **1.00** The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) **2.00** Home Shopping. (R) **4.30** CBS Mornings.

### SBS

**6.00** WorldWatch. **9.00** Destination Flavour. (R) **9.10** Legacy List With Matt Paxton. (Final) (PGa) **10.15** Paddington Station 24/7. (PGa, R) **11.10** Secret Cities. (PGav, R) **12.10** WorldWatch. **2.00** The Riddle Of The Roman Coneheads. (PGa, R) **2.55** Mastermind Aust. (Australia) (R) **3.25** Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (PGa, R) **3.35** The Cook Up. (Australia) (R) **4.05** The Supervet. (PGa, R) **5.00** Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Stage 2. Highlights. **6.00** Mastermind Australia. (Australia) (PG, R) **6.30** SBS World News.
**7.30 Jonathan Ross' Myths And Legends.** (PGa)
**8.25 Isle Of Wight: Jewel Of The South.** New Series. Follows the residents of the Isle of Wight. (PGa)
**9.20 The Secret Life Of Lighthouses: Beachy Head.** (PGa, R)
**10.15** SBS World News Late. **10.45** Bianca. (Italy) (MA15+av) **11.50** Partisan. (Sweden) (Malv, R) **4.30** Barmay. (Australia) (R) **5.00** NHK World English News Morning. (Japan) **5.30** ANC Philippines The World Tonight. (Philippines)

### ABC TV PLUS

**6.00** Children's Programs. **4.50** Do, Re & Mi. **5.00** Peppa Pig. **5.05** Brave Bunnies. **5.15** Supertato. **5.20** The Adventures Of Paddington. **5.35** Kiya And The Kimoja Heroes. **5.45** Hey Duggee. **5.55** Octonauts. **6.10** Pfffirates. **6.20** Bluey. **6.30** Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom. **6.40** Andy's Prehistoric Adventures. **6.55** Shaun The Sheep. **7.05** Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures. **7.20** Bluey. **7.30** Spicks And Specks. **8.00** Would I Lie To You? **8.30** Myth Busters. **9.20** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. **10.55** Louis Theroux's LA Stories. **11.55** Would I Lie To You? **12.25** QI. **1.00** Whose Line Is It Anyway? **1.40** Brian Johnson's A Life On The Road. **2.25** ABC News Update. **2.30** Close. **5.00** Children's Programs.

### 7TWO

**6.00** Home Shopping. **6.30** Last Chance Learners. **7.00** Chris Tarrant's Extreme Railways. **8.00** Million Dollar Minute. **9.00** DVine Living. **9.30** NBC Today. **10.30** Better Homes And Gardens Summer. **12.00** Better Homes And Gardens. **1.00** I Escaped To The Country. **2.00** Weekender. **2.30** Cities Of The Underworld. **3.30** Last Chance Learners. **4.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue. **4.30** Better Homes And Gardens. **5.30** I Escaped To The Country. **6.30** Bargain Hunt. **7.30** Doc Martin. **8.30** Endeavour. **10.30** Fortitude. **11.30** Doc Martin. **12.30** RSPCA Animal Rescue. **1.00** Endeavour. **3.00** Better Homes And Gardens. **4.00** Million Dollar Minute. **5.00** It Is Written. **5.30** James Robison.

### 9GO!

**6.00** Children's Programs. **8.30** Barbie: A Touch Of Magic. **9.00** Gigantosaurus. **9.30** Yu-Gi-Oh! Sevens. **10.00** Ninjago: Crystalized. **10.30** Pokémon Ultimate Journeys. **11.00** Transformers: Cyberverse. **11.30** Bakugan. **12.00** Movie: Pokémon: The First Movie – Mewtwo Strikes Back. (1998) **1.30** Rich House, Poor House. **2.30** Full House. **3.00** Kenan. **4.00** Family Ties. **4.30** The Addams Family. **5.00** Bewitched. **5.30** I Dream Of Jeannie. **6.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. **7.00** The Nanny. **7.30** Seinfeld. **8.30** Movie: Law Abiding Citizen. (2009) **10.40** Seinfeld. **11.40** Under The Dome. **12.35** Life After Lockup. **1.30** Raymond. **2.30** Full House. **3.00** Bakugan. **3.30** Beyblade Burst Surge. **4.00** Children's Programs.

### 10 BOLD

**6.00** Home Shopping. **8.00** Luxury Escapes. **8.30** All 4 Adventure. **9.30** Reel Action. **10.30** JAG. **12.30** Star Trek: Voyager. **2.30** Jake And The Fatman. **3.30** Diagnosis Murder. **5.30** JAG. **7.30** Bull. **8.30** NCIS. **10.20** NCIS: Los Angeles. **12.15** Home Shopping. **2.15** Diagnosis Murder. **4.05** JAG.

### SBS VICELAND

**6.00** World Watch. **7.20** FBC News. **7.35** DW Global 3000. **8.10** APAC Weekly. **8.40** France 24 English News. **9.30** Small Business Secrets. **10.00** Front Up. **12.00** Movie: Feels Good Man: Pepe The Frog. (2020) **1.45** The Year That Changed Love. **2.40** 25 Siblings And Me. **3.50** BBC News At Ten. **4.10** ABC World News Tonight With David Muir. **4.35** ABC America This Week. **5.30** PBS News Weekend. **6.00** The Joy Of Painting With Bob Ross. **6.30** The Fast History Of. **6.55** Jeopardy! **7.45** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30** Taskmaster. **9.25** Two Weeks To Live. New Series. **10.25** Scrubs. **10.50** Scrubs. **11.15** Hoarders. **12.55** The Devil You Know. **1.45** Jack The Ripper: Hidden Victims. **2.40** NHK World English News. **5.00** Al Jazeera Newshour.

### ABC ME

**6.00** Children's Programs. **3.15** Karma's World. **3.25** Dennis & Gnasher: Unleashed! **3.40** The Deep. **4.00** Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures. **4.15** Bluey. **4.20** Odd Squad. **4.45** Little Lunch. **5.00** Planet Lulin. **5.25** Miraculous: Tales Of Ladybug And Cat Noir. **5.45** Hotel Transylvania. **6.00** Born To Spy. **6.25** Welcome To Cardboard City. **6.30** Operation Ouch! **7.00** Horrible Histories. **7.30** Shaun The Sheep. **7.35** Space Nova. **8.00** The Legend Of Korra. **8.25** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **8.45** Mustangs FC. **9.10** School Of Rock. **9.35** Mythbusters "There's Your Problem!". **10.00** Rage. **11.15** Close.

### 7MATE

**6.00** NFL. NFL. Week 18. Continued. **8.30** NFL. NFL. Week 18. **11.30** Armchair Experts: NFL Edition. **12.30** Border Security: Australia's Front Line. **1.30** Rides Down Under: Workshop Wars. **2.30** Motor Racing. Night Thunder. USA Boxing Day. Highlights. **3.30** Aussie Lobster Men. **4.30** Storage Wars. **5.00** American Restoration. **5.30** American Pickers. **6.30** Pawn Stars. **7.00** Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 30. Sydney Thunder v Perth Scorchers. **7.35** Outback Opal Hunters. **8.30** Aussie Salvage Squad. **9.30** Aussie Salvage Squad. **10.30** Ax Men. Series Return. **12.30** Late Programs.

### 9GEM

**6.00** Gideon's Way. **7.00** Creflo Dollar Ministries. **7.30** Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. **8.00** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **9.30** Newstyle Direct. **10.00** Danoz Direct. **10.30** Pointless. **11.30** Tennis. Adelaide International. Day 1. **6.00** Tennis. Adelaide International. Night 1. **10.30** Death In Paradise. **11.40** The Madame Blanc Mysteries. **12.40** Snapped. **1.40** Movie: The Sound Barrier. (1952) **4.00** The Avengers. **5.00** Animal Tales.

### 10 PEACH

**6.00** The Big Bang Theory. **10.00** The Middle. **11.30** Friends. **1.30** Ghosts. **3.30** The King Of Queens. **4.30** Becker. **5.30** Frasier. **6.30** Neighbours. **7.00** The Big Bang Theory. **8.00** The Big Bang Theory. **8.30** Two And A Half Men. **10.00** Rules Of Engagement. **11.00** Frasier. **12.00** Home Shopping. **1.30** South Park. **3.00** Becker. **3.30** The Bold And The Beautiful. **4.30** Home Shopping.

### ABC NEWS

**6.00** News Breakfast. **9.00** ABC News Mornings. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **2.00** ABC News Day. **3.00** ABC News Afternoons. **5.00** ABC News Hour. **6.00** ABC Evening News. **7.00** ABC National News. **8.00** ABC News Tonight. **8.25** Australian Story. **9.00** ABC Nightly News. **9.30** Foreign Correspondent. **10.00** The World. **10.30** 7.30. **11.00** ABC Late News. **11.30** The Business. **12.00** ABC Late News. **12.30** Australian Story. **1.00** ABC Late News. **1.15** 7.30. **1.45** Things That Made Australia. **2.00** DW News. **2.15** ABC Late News. **2.30** Foreign Correspondent. **3.00** Late Programs.

## TUESDAY JANUARY 9

### ABC TV

**6.00** News. **9.00** News. **10.00** Ask The Doctor. (PG, R) **10.30** One Plus One. (R) **11.00** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **12.00** News. **1.00** Vera. (Mav, R) **2.30** Back Roads. (R) **3.00** Cook And The Chef. (R) **3.25** Tenable. (R) **4.15** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **5.10** Love Your Garden. (PG)
**6.00 Back Roads: Robinvale, Victoria.** (R)
**6.30 Hard Quiz.** (PG, R)
**7.00 ABC News.**
**7.30 7.30.** Presented by David Speers.
**8.00 Back Roads: Brunswick Heads, NSW.** Series Return. Heather Ewart visits Brunswick Heads, NSW. (PG)
**8.30 Australia's Open.** Part 1 of 2. (Ml)
**9.20 Movie: The Australian Dream. (2019)** Adam Goodes, Stan Grant, Nova Peris. Explores the life of Adam Goodes. (MA15+l, R)
**10.30 Movie: Spotlight. (2015)** Michael Keaton, Rachel McAdams, Mark Ruffalo. (Mal, R)
**12.35 Love Your Garden.** (PG, R)
**1.20** Tenable. (R) **2.10** Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) **4.40** The Durrells. (PG, R) **5.30** 7.30. (R)

### SEVEN

**6.00** Sunrise. **9.00** The Morning Show Summer Series. (PG) **11.30** News. **12.00** Movie: Steppin' Into The Holiday. (2022) (PGa) **2.00** Border Security: International. (PG, R) **2.30** Surf Patrol. (PG, R) **3.00** The Chase. (R) **4.00** Seven News At 4. **5.00** The Chase Australia.
**6.00 Seven News.**
***Albury:*** *7News Border.*
***6.30 Albury:*** *Seven News.*
**7.00 Home And Away.** Cash tries to get to Eden in time, and Bree and Levi clash. (PGav)
**7.35 Cricket.** Big Bash League. Game 31. Adelaide Strikers v Hobart Hurricanes. From Adelaide Oval.
**11.30 Ambulance: Code Red.** Follows the work of an ambulance service, giving an insight into the life and death incidents they face. (Malv, R)
**12.30 Bates Motel.** Norman and Norma grow apart. (Madv, R)
**1.30 Bates Motel.** (Mav, R)
**2.30 Home Shopping.**
**4.00 NBC Today.**
**5.00 Seven Early News.**
**5.30** Sunrise.

### NINE

**6.00** Today. **9.00** Today Extra Summer. (PG) **11.30** 9News Morning. **12.00** Movie: Meet Me In New York. (2022) Brooke Nevin, Corey Sevier, Molly Lewis. (R) **2.00** Pointless. (PG, R) **3.00** Tipping Point. (PG, R) **4.00** 9News Afternoon. **4.30** Hot Seat. (R) **5.30** News.
**6.00 9News.**
**7.00 A Current Affair.**
**7.30 David Attenborough's Planet Earth III: Heroes.** Sir David Attenborough goes on a journey through the ever-changing habitats of Earth. (PG)
**8.40 Movie: Honest Thief. (2020)** Liam Neeson, Kate Walsh, Jai Courtney. A bank robber gets caught up in a violent conflict with two corrupt FBI agents intent on stealing his money. (Mlv)
**10.30 New Amsterdam.** Sharpe offers help to a reluctant Mina. (Marnv, R)
**11.20 The First 48.** (Mav, R)
**12.10 Tipping Point.** (PG, R)
**1.05** Pointless. (PG, R) **2.00** Australia's Top Ten Of Everything. (Ml, R) **3.00** TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) **4.00** Believer's Voice Of Victory. (PGa) **4.30** A Current Affair. (R) **5.00** 9News Early. **5.30** Today.

### TEN

**6.00** The Talk. (PGa) **7.00** Everyday Gourmet. (R) **7.30** Ent. Tonight. (R) **8.00** Farm To Fork. (R) **8.30** Judge Judy. (PG, R) **9.00** Bold. (PGa, R) **9.30** Neighbours. (PGa, R) **10.00** The Yes Experiment. (R) **10.30** Luxury Escapes. (R) **11.00** Food Trail: South Africa. (R) **11.30** My Market Kitchen. (R) **12.00** 10 News First: Midday. **1.00** Dr Phil. (PGadl, R) **2.00** Jamie Cooks The Mediterranean. (R) **3.00** Ent. Tonight. **3.30** Farm To Fork. **4.00** Neighbours. (PGa) **4.30** Bold. (PGa) **5.00** News.
**6.30 The Project.** A look at the day's news.
**7.30 Movie: Jack Reacher: Never Go Back. (2016)** Tom Cruise, Cobie Smulders, Danika Yarosh. Jack Reacher comes to the aid of an army officer he suspects is the victim of a conspiracy. (Mlv, R)
**9.50 Movie: Capone. (2020)** Tom Hardy, Matt Dillon, Linda Cardellini. After 10 years in prison, gangster Al Capone struggles with dementia and where he hid his fortune. (MA15+alv, R)
**11.50** The Project. (R) **12.40** The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) **1.30** Home Shopping. (R) **4.30** CBS Mornings.

### SBS

**6.00** WorldWatch. **9.00** Destination Flavour. (R) **9.10** Cook Up Bitesize. (Australia) (R) **9.15** World's Most Secret Homes. (R) **10.10** Paddington Station 24/7. (PGal, R) **11.00** Secret Cities. (PG, R) **12.00** WorldWatch. **2.00** Death Of A Dynasty. (Mv, R) **2.55** Mastermind Aust. (Australia) (R) **3.25** Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R) **3.35** The Cook Up. (Australia) (R) **4.05** The Supervet. (PGa) **5.00** Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Stage 3. Highlights. **6.00** Mastermind Australia. (Australia) (R) **6.30** SBS World News.
**7.30 Who Do You Think You Are?** (PGav)
**8.20 Michael Palin In North Korea.** Part 1 of 2. (R)
**9.15 Brian Cox: How The Other Half Live.** Part 1 of 2. (Ml, R)
**10.10 SBS World News Late.**
**10.40** Das Boot. (Germany) Series Return. (MA15+av) **11.40** Furia. (Norway) (MA15+av, R) **1.30** Furia. (Norway) (Malv, R) **3.20** Going Places. (PG, R) **4.20** Barmay. (Australia) (R) **4.50** Destination Flavour Bitesize. (R) **5.00** NHK World English News Morning. (Japan) **5.30** ANC Philippines The World Tonight. (Philippines)

### ABC TV PLUS

**6.00** Children's Programs. **4.50** Do, Re & Mi. **5.00** Peppa Pig. **5.05** Brave Bunnies. **5.15** Supertato. **5.20** The Adventures Of Paddington. **5.35** Kiya And The Kimoja Heroes. **5.45** Hey Duggee. **5.55** Octonauts. **6.10** Pfffirates. **6.20** Bluey. **6.30** Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom. **6.40** Andy's Prehistoric Adventures. **6.55** Shaun The Sheep. **7.05** Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures. **7.20** Bluey. **7.30** Spicks And Specks. **8.00** Would I Lie To You? **8.30** Bliss. **8.55** Rosehaven. **9.20** Portlandia. **10.05** State Of The Union. **10.30** Back. **10.55** Would I Lie To You? **11.25** Movie: The Craft. (1996) **1.05** Lucy Worsley's Royal Palace Secrets. **2.00** Movie: Walkabout. (1971) **3.40** ABC News Update. **3.45** Close. **5.00** Children's Programs.

### 7TWO

**6.00** Home Shopping. **6.30** I Escaped To The Country. **7.30** A Moveable Feast. **8.00** Million Dollar Minute. **9.00** Harry's Practice. **9.30** NBC Today. **12.00** Better Homes And Gardens. **1.00** I Escaped To The Country. **2.00** Creek To Coast. **2.30** Cities Of The Underworld. **3.30** Harry's Practice. **4.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue. **4.30** Better Homes And Gardens. **5.30** I Escaped To The Country. **6.30** Bargain Hunt. **7.30** Rosemary & Thyme. **8.30** A Touch Of Frost. **10.50** Law & Order: UK. **11.50** Bargain Hunt. **1.00** Harry's Practice. **1.30** A Moveable Feast. **2.00** Cities Of The Underworld. **3.00** Better Homes And Gardens. **4.00** Million Dollar Minute. **5.00** Lifestyle Magazine. **5.30** James Robison.

### 9GO!

**6.00** Children's Programs. **8.00** Beyblade Burst Surge. **8.30** Barbie: A Touch Of Magic. **9.00** Gigantosaurus. **9.30** Yu-Gi-Oh! Sevens. **10.00** Ninjago: Crystalized. **10.30** Pokémon Ultimate Journeys. **11.00** Movie: Pokémon: The Power Of One. (1999) **12.30** The Nanny. **1.00** Bewitched. **1.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. **2.30** Full House. **3.00** Seinfeld. **4.00** Family Ties. **4.30** The Addams Family. **5.00** Bewitched. **5.30** I Dream Of Jeannie. **6.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. **7.00** The Nanny. **7.30** Seinfeld. **8.30** To Be Advised. **11.00** Seinfeld. **12.00** Under The Dome. **1.00** Life After Lockup. **2.00** I Dream Of Jeannie. **2.30** Full House. **3.00** Bakugan. **3.30** Beyblade Burst Surge. **4.00** Children's Programs.

### 10 BOLD

**6.00** Home Shopping. **8.00** Luxury Escapes. **8.30** Diagnosis Murder. **9.30** Jake And The Fatman. **10.30** JAG. **12.30** Star Trek: Voyager. **2.30** Jake And The Fatman. **3.30** Diagnosis Murder. **5.30** JAG. **7.30** Bull. **9.30** FBI: International. **10.30** Asian Cup Preview Show. **11.00** SEAL Team. **11.55** 48 Hours. **12.50** Home Shopping. **2.20** Diagnosis Murder. **4.10** JAG.

### SBS VICELAND

**6.00** TRT World Newshour. **6.50** DW English News Morning. **7.20** FBC News. **7.55** France 24 Feature. **8.10** DW English News. **8.40** CBC The National. **9.30** BBC News At Six. **10.00** Front Up. **11.30** Front Up. **12.00** Chasing Famous. **2.45** Preserving Taste. **3.15** BBC News At Ten. **3.45** ABC World News Tonight With David Muir. **4.35** PBS NewsHour. **5.15** Counter Space. **5.45** The Joy Of Painting With Bob Ross. **6.15** The Fast History Of. **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.30** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30** Dark Side Of The 2000s. **9.25** Alone: The Skills Challenge. **10.15** Hudson & Rex. **11.55** Box 21. **12.50** Future Man. **1.30** Hate Thy Neighbour. **2.25** VICE Guide To Film. **2.55** NHK World English News. **5.00** Al Jazeera Newshour.

### ABC ME

**6.00** Children's Programs. **3.15** Karma's World. **3.25** Dennis & Gnasher: Unleashed! **3.40** The Deep. **4.00** Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures. **4.15** Bluey. **4.20** Odd Squad. **4.45** Little Lunch. **5.00** Planet Lulin. **5.25** Miraculous: Tales Of Ladybug And Cat Noir. **5.45** Hotel Transylvania. **6.00** Spooky Files. **6.25** Welcome To Cardboard City. **6.30** Operation Ouch! **7.00** Horrible Histories. **7.30** Shaun The Sheep. **7.35** Space Nova. **8.00** The Legend Of Korra. **8.25** Jade Armor. **8.45** Mustangs FC. **9.35** Mythbusters "There's Your Problem!". **10.00** Rage. **11.15** Close.

### 7MATE

**6.00** The Fishing Show. **7.00** On The Fly. **7.30** Creek To Coast. **8.00** A Football Life. **9.00** America's Game: The Super Bowl Champions. **10.00** American Pickers. **11.00** American Restoration. **11.30** Pawn Stars. **12.00** Aussie Salvage Squad. **2.00** Aussie Lobster Men. **3.05** Billy The Exterminator. **3.35** Counting Cars. **4.35** Storage Wars. **5.05** American Restoration. **5.35** American Pickers. **6.35** Pawn Stars. **7.35** Outback Truckers. **9.30** Heavy Tow Truckers Down Under. **10.30** Ice Road Truckers. **11.30** Jade Fever. **12.00** Storage Wars. **12.30** American Restoration. **1.00** Late Programs.

### 9GEM

**6.00** Gideon's Way. **7.00** Creflo Dollar Ministries. **7.30** Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. **8.00** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **9.30** Newstyle Direct. **10.00** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **10.30** Pointless. **11.30** Tennis. Adelaide International. Day 2. **6.00** Tennis. Adelaide International. Night 2. **10.30** Agatha Christie's Marple. **12.30** Madam Secretary. **1.30** Movie: Yield To The Night. (1956) **3.15** Explore. **3.30** My Favorite Martian. **4.00** Seaway. **5.00** Animal Tales.

### 10 PEACH

**6.00** The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. **7.00** The King Of Queens. **8.00** Basketball. NBL. Round 14. New Zealand Breakers v Perth Wildcats. Replay. **10.00** Rules Of Engagement. **11.00** Frasier. **12.00** The King Of Queens. **1.00** Becker. **2.00** The Big Bang Theory. **2.30** Rules Of Engagement. **3.30** The King Of Queens. **4.30** Becker. **5.30** Frasier. **6.30** Neighbours. **7.00** The Big Bang Theory. **8.30** Two And A Half Men. **10.00** Rules Of Engagement. **11.00** Frasier. **12.00** Home Shopping. **1.30** The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. **2.30** Two And A Half Men. **3.30** Late Programs.

### ABC NEWS

**6.00** News Breakfast. **9.00** ABC News Mornings. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **2.00** ABC News Day. **3.00** ABC News Afternoons. **5.00** ABC News Hour. **6.00** ABC Evening News. **7.00** ABC National News. **8.00** ABC News Tonight. **8.30** Australian Story. **9.00** ABC Nightly News. **9.30** Foreign Correspondent. **10.00** The World. **10.30** 7.30. **11.00** ABC Late News. **11.30** ABC News Regional Roundup. **12.00** ABC Late News. **12.30** Australian Story. **1.00** ABC Late News. **1.15** 7.30. **1.45** Fancy Fruit. **2.00** DW News. **2.15** ABC Late News. **2.30** Foreign Correspondent. **3.00** DW News. **3.30** Late Programs.

# Your weekly television guide

## WEDNESDAY JANUARY 10

### ABC TV

**6.00** News. **9.00** News. **10.00** First Weapons. (PG, R) **11.00** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **12.00** News. **1.00** Vera. (Mv, R) **2.30** Back Roads. (PG, R) **3.00** Cook And The Chef. (R) **3.25** Tenable. (R) **4.10** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **5.10** Love Your Garden.
**6.00 Back Roads: Tiwi Islands, NT.** (PG, R)
**6.30 Hard Quiz.** (PG, R)
**7.00 ABC News.**
**7.30 7.30.** Presented by David Speers.
**8.00 Hard Quiz.** Presented by Tom Gleeson. (PG, R)
**8.30 Australia's Open.** Part 2 of 2. (Ml)
**9.25 Changing Ends.** Alan gets the acting bug. (PG)
**9.45 Spicks And Specks.** Hosted by Adam Hills. (PG, R)
**10.15 Spicks And Specks.** (PG, R)
**10.50 A Life In Ten Pictures: Tupac Shakur.** (Mal, R)
**11.40 Love Your Garden.** (R)
**12.30 Tenable.** (R)
**1.20** Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) **4.40** The Durrells. (PG, R) **5.30** 7.30. (R)

### SEVEN

**6.00** Sunrise. **9.00** The Morning Show Summer Series. (PG) **11.30** News. **12.00** Movie: Darrow And Darrow. (2017) (PGav, R) **2.00** Border Security: International. (PG, R) **2.30** Surf Patrol. (R) **3.00** The Chase. (R) **4.00** Seven News At 4. **5.00** The Chase Australia.
**6.00 Seven News.**
***Albury:*** *7News Border.*
***6.30 Albury:*** *Seven News.*
**7.00 Home And Away.** Xander is forced to ask Levi for help, and Mackenzie is too scared to leave hospital. (PGav)
**7.35 Cricket.** Big Bash League. Game 32. Brisbane Heat v Perth Scorchers. From the Gabba, Brisbane.
**11.30 Movie: The Cold Light Of Day. (2012)** Henry Cavill, Verónica Echegui, Bruce Willis. A Wall Street trader's family is abducted. (Mlv, R)
**1.30 Parenthood.** (Mds, R)
**2.30 Home Shopping.**
**4.00 NBC Today.**
**5.00** Seven Early News. **5.30** Sunrise.

### NINE

**6.00** Today. **9.00** Today Extra Summer. (PG) **11.30** 9News Morning. **12.00** Movie: I Don't Know How She Does It. (2011) (PGls, R) **2.00** Pointless. (PG, R) **3.00** Tipping Point. (PG, R) **4.00** 9News Afternoon. **4.30** Hot Seat. (R) **5.30** News.
**6.00 9News.**
**7.00 A Current Affair.**
**7.30 Taronga: Who's Who In The Zoo: What A Galah.** Takes a look at Taronga's free flight bird experience. (PGm)
**8.30 Clarkson's Farm: Fluffing.** As the drought drags on and harvest gets closer, Jeremy Clarkson and his crew have a list of jobs to complete. (Ml)
**9.30 Clarkson's Farm: Harvesting.** Jeremy Clarkson must find a vital piece of equipment at short notice. (Ml)
**10.40** The Equalizer. (Ma, R) **11.30** La Brea. (Mv, R) **12.15** Tipping Point. (PG, R) **1.05** Pointless. (PG, R) **2.00** Explore TV. (R) **2.30** Global Shop. (R) **3.00** TV Shop. (R) **4.00** Believer's Voice Of Victory. (PGa) **4.30** ACA. (R) **5.00** 9News Early. **5.30** Today.

### TEN

**6.00** The Talk. (PGa) **7.00** Everyday Gourmet. (R) **7.30** Ent. Tonight. (R) **8.00** Farm To Fork. (R) **8.30** Judge Judy. (PG, R) **9.00** Bold. (PGa, R) **9.30** Neighbours. (PGa, R) **10.00** The Yes Experiment. (R) **10.30** Luxury Escapes. (R) **11.00** Food Trail: South Africa. (R) **11.30** My Market Kitchen. (R) **12.00** 10 News First: Midday. **1.00** Dr Phil. (PGad, R) **2.00** Jamie Cooks The Mediterranean. (R) **3.00** Ent. Tonight. **3.30** Farm To Fork. **4.00** Neighbours. (PGa) **4.30** Bold. (PGa) **5.00** News. **6.30** The Project.
**7.30 Movie: Meet The Parents. (2000)** Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller, Teri Polo. A man meets his girlfriend's family. (Ml, R)
**9.30 Movie: Meet The Fockers. (2004)** Ben Stiller, Robert De Niro, Barbra Streisand. A young man takes his fiancée and her parents to Miami to meet his family, who live an alternative lifestyle. (Ms, R)
**11.30** The Project. (R) **12.30** The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) **1.30** Home Shopping. (R) **4.30** CBS Morning.

### SBS

**6.00** WorldWatch. **9.00** Peer To Peer. (a, R) **9.30** Peer To Peer. (PGa, R) **10.30** WorldWatch. **11.00** Tennis. Kooyong Classic. Day 1. **5.00** Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Stage 4. Highlights.
**6.00 Mastermind Australia. (Australia)** (PG, R)
**6.30 SBS World News.**
**7.30 Dinosaur With Stephen Fry: Dawn of The Dinosaurs.** (PG, R)
**8.25 The Elon Musk Show.** Part 1 of 3. (Mal, R)
**9.30 Fargo. (Canada)** The tide turns. (MA15+)
**10.25 SBS World News Late.**
**10.55 COBRA.** (Final) (Malv)
**11.50** Vienna Blood. (Austria) (MA15+a, R) **1.35** Vienna Blood. (Austria) (Ma, R) **2.30** Vienna Blood. (Austria) (MA15+av, R) **3.25** Going Places With Ernie Dingo. (Australia) (PG, R) **4.25** Barnay. (Australia) (R) **4.50** Destination Flavour: Singapore Bitesize. (R) **5.00** NHK World English News Morning. (Japan) **5.30** ANC Philippines The World Tonight. (Philippines)

### ABC TV PLUS

**6.00** Children's Programs. **4.50** Do, Re & Mi. **5.00** Peppa Pig. **5.05** Brave Bunnies. **5.15** Supertato. **5.20** The Adventures Of Paddington. **5.35** Kiya And The Kimoja Heroes. **5.45** Hey Duggee. **5.55** Octonauts. **6.10** Pfffirates. **6.20** Bluey. **6.30** Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom. **6.40** Andy's Prehistoric Adventures. **6.55** Shaun The Sheep. **7.05** Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures. **7.20** Bluey. **7.30** Spicks And Specks. **8.00** Would I Lie To You? **8.30** Doc Martin. **9.20** Interview With The Vampire. **10.25** Killing Eve. **11.05** Would I Lie To You? **11.40** Louis Theroux: America's Medicated Kids. **12.40** Whose Line Is It Anyway? **1.00** Cooked. **1.35** Miniseries: The Hollow Crown. **3.55** ABC News Update. **4.00** Close. **5.00** Children's Programs.

### 7TWO

**6.00** Home Shopping. **6.30** I Escaped To The Country. **7.30** A Moveable Feast Heads North. **8.00** Million Dollar Minute. **9.00** Harry's Practice. **9.30** NBC Today. **12.00** Better Homes And Gardens. **1.00** I Escaped To The Country. **2.00** To Be Advised. **2.30** Cities Of The Underworld. **3.30** Harry's Practice. **4.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue. **4.30** Better Homes And Gardens. **5.30** Escape To The Country. **6.30** Bargain Hunt. **7.30** Heartbeat. **8.45** Lewis. **10.45** Law & Order: U.K. **11.45** Bargain Hunt. **12.45** My Greek Odyssey. **2.00** Cities Of The Underworld. **3.00** Better Homes And Gardens. **4.00** Million Dollar Minute. **5.00** It Is Written. **5.30** James Robison.

### 9GO!

**6.00** Children's Programs. **8.00** Beyblade Burst Surge. **8.30** Barbie: A Touch Of Magic. **9.00** Gigantosaurus. **9.30** Yu-Gi-Oh! Sevens. **10.00** Ninjago: Dragons Rising. **10.30** Pokémon Ultimate Journeys. **11.00** Movie: Pokémon 3: The Spell Of Unknown. (2001) **12.30** The Nanny. **1.00** Bewitched. **1.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. **2.30** Full House. **3.00** Seinfeld. **4.00** Family Ties. **4.30** The Addams Family. **5.00** Bewitched. **5.30** I Dream Of Jeannie. **6.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. **7.00** The Nanny. **7.30** Seinfeld. **8.30** Movie: Toy Soldiers. (1991) **10.45** Seinfeld. **11.45** Under The Dome. **12.40** Life After Lockup. (Final) **2.30** Full House. **3.00** Bakugan. **3.30** Beyblade Burst Surge. **4.00** Children's Programs.

### 10 BOLD

**6.00** Home Shopping. **8.00** Luxury Escapes. **8.30** Diagnosis Murder. **9.30** Jake And The Fatman. **10.30** JAG. **12.30** Star Trek: Voyager. **2.30** Jake And The Fatman. **3.30** Diagnosis Murder. **5.30** JAG. **7.30** Bull. **8.30** NCIS. **9.25** Hawaii Five-0. **10.20** NCIS: Hawai'i. **11.15** A Million Little Things. **12.15** Home Shopping. **2.15** Diagnosis Murder. **4.05** JAG.

### SBS VICELAND

**6.00** TRT World Newshour. **6.50** Indian Country Today News. **7.20** FBC News. **7.55** France 24 Feature. **8.10** ABC America Nightline. **8.40** CBC The National. **9.30** BBC News At Six. **10.00** Front Up. **10.30** Front Up. **12.00** Chasing Famous. **1.50** Sex And Consent. **2.25** States Of Undress. **3.15** BBC News At Ten. **3.45** ABC World News Tonight With David Muir. **4.15** PBS NewsHour. **5.15** Counter Space. **5.45** The Joy Of Painting With Bob Ross. **6.15** The Fast History Of. **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.30** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30** Movie: Stockholm. (2018) **10.15** Movie: What Happened To Monday? (2017) **12.30** Chasing Famous. **3.15** NHK World English News. **5.00** Al Jazeera Newshour.

### ABC ME

**6.00** Children's Programs. **3.15** Karma's World. **3.25** Dennis & Gnasher: Unleashed! **3.40** The Deep. **4.00** Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures. **4.15** Bluey. **4.20** Odd Squad. **4.45** Little Lunch. **5.00** Planet Lulin. **5.25** Miraculous: Tales Of Ladybug And Cat Noir. **5.45** Hotel Transylvania. **6.00** Spooky Files. **6.25** Welcome To Cardboard City. **6.30** Operation Ouch! **7.00** Horrible Histories. **7.30** Shaun The Sheep. **7.35** The Penguins Of Madagascar. **8.00** The Legend Of Korra. **8.25** Jade Armor. **8.45** Mustangs FC. **9.15** School Of Rock. **9.35** Mythbusters "There's Your Problem!". **10.00** Rage. **11.15** Close.

### 7MATE

**6.00** The Fishing Show. **7.00** On The Fly. **7.30** Creek To Coast. **8.00** A Football Life. **9.00** America's Game: The Super Bowl Champions. **10.00** American Pickers. **11.00** Pawn Stars. **12.00** Outback Truckers. **2.00** Aussie Lobster Men. **3.05** Billy The Exterminator. **3.35** Counting Cars. **4.35** Storage Wars. **5.05** American Restoration. **5.35** American Pickers. **6.35** Pawn Stars. **7.35** Highway Patrol. **8.30** The Force: Behind The Line. **9.30** Beach Cops. **10.30** Surveillance Oz. **11.30** Crash Investigation Unit. **12.00** Storage Wars. **12.30** American Restoration. **1.00** Late Programs.

### 9GEM

**6.00** Gideon's Way. **7.00** Creflo Dollar Ministries. **7.30** Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. **8.00** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **10.30** Pointless. **11.30** Tennis. Adelaide International. Day 3. **6.00** Tennis. Adelaide International. Night 3. **10.30** Midsomer Murders. **12.40** Manifest. **1.40** Movie: Death Is A Woman. (1966) **3.20** Explore. **3.30** My Favorite Martian. **4.00** Seaway. **5.00** Animal Tales.

### 10 PEACH

**6.00** The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. **7.00** The King Of Queens. **8.00** Becker. **9.00** Rules Of Engagement. **10.00** Frasier. **11.00** NBL Slam. **11.30** Friends. **12.00** The King Of Queens. **1.00** Becker. **2.00** The Big Bang Theory. **2.30** Rules Of Engagement. **3.30** The Neighborhood. **4.30** Becker. **5.30** Frasier. **6.30** Neighbours. **7.00** The Big Bang Theory. **8.30** Two And A Half Men. **9.00** Two And A Half Men. **10.00** Rules Of Engagement. **11.00** Frasier. **12.00** Home Shopping. **1.30** The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. **2.30** Two And A Half Men. **3.30** The Bold And The Beautiful. **4.30** Home Shopping.

### ABC NEWS

**6.00** News Breakfast. **9.00** ABC News Mornings. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **2.00** ABC News Day. **3.00** ABC News Afternoons. **5.00** ABC News Hour. **6.00** ABC Evening News. **7.00** ABC National News. **8.00** ABC News Tonight. **8.30** Australian Story. **9.00** ABC Nightly News. **9.30** Foreign Correspondent. **10.00** The World. **10.30** 7.30. **11.00** ABC Late News. **11.30** The Pacific. **12.00** ABC Late News. **12.30** Australian Story. **1.00** ABC Late News. **1.15** 7.30. **1.45** Aussie Mavericks. **2.00** DW News. **2.15** ABC Late News. **2.30** Foreign Correspondent. **3.00** DW News. **3.30** The World. **4.00** Late Programs.

## THURSDAY JANUARY 11

### ABC TV

**6.00** News. **9.00** News. **10.00** Monsters Or Medicine? (PGm, R) **10.55** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **12.00** News. **1.00** Vera. (Mav, R) **2.30** Back Roads. (R) **3.00** Cook And The Chef. (R) **3.25** Tenable. (R) **4.10** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **5.10** Love Your Garden.
**6.00 Back Roads: Nyngan, NSW.** Heather Ewart travels to Nyngan. (R)
**6.25 Hard Quiz.** Presented by Tom Gleeson. (PG, R)
**7.00 ABC News.** A look at the top stories of the day.
**7.30 7.30.** Presented by David Speers.
**8.00 Grand Designs Transformations.** Follows two home transformations. (PG)
**9.00 Martin Clunes: Islands Of The Pacific.** Part 2 of 3. (PG)
**9.50 Fake Or Fortune? Gerome.** Part 2 of 4. (R)
**10.50 Finding Alice.** (Ml, R)
**11.35 Keeping Faith.** (Mal, R)
**12.40 Love Your Garden.** (R)
**1.25 Tenable.** (R)
**2.10 Rage.** (MA15+adhlnsv)
**4.40** The Durrells. (PG, R) **5.30** 7.30. (R)

### SEVEN

**6.00** Sunrise. **9.00** The Morning Show Summer Series. (PG) **11.30** News. **12.00** Movie: Darrow And Darrow: In The Key Of Murder. (2018) (PGav, R) **2.00** Border Security: International. (PG, R) **2.30** Surf Patrol. (R) **3.00** The Chase. (R) **4.00** Seven News At 4. **5.00** The Chase Australia.
**6.00 Seven News.**
***Albury:*** *7News Border.*
***6.30 Albury:*** *Seven News.*
**7.00 Home And Away.** Justin pines for Leah, Levi honours Mackenzie, and Tane and Felicity navigate their new normal. (PG)
**7.35 Cricket.** Big Bash League. Game 33. Hobart Hurricanes v Adelaide Strikers. From Blundstone Arena, Hobart.
**11.00 Movie: Super Troopers 2. (2018)** Jay Chandrasekhar, Kevin Heffernan, Steve Lemme. An irresponsible group of US state troopers is called in to set up a new highway patrol station. (MA15+lrs, R)
**1.10 Black-ish.** (PGals, R)
**2.00 Home Shopping.**
**4.00 NBC Today.**
**5.00** Seven Early News. **5.30** Sunrise.

### NINE

**6.00** Today. **9.00** Today Extra Summer. (PG) **11.30** 9 News Morning. **12.00** Movie: How To Find Forever. (2022) (PGa, R) **2.00** Pointless. (PG, R) **3.00** Tipping Point. (PG, R) **4.00** 9News Afternoon. **4.30** Hot Seat. (R) **5.30** News.
**6.00 9News.**
**7.00 A Current Affair.**
**7.30 RBT.** Follows police units that operate random breath-test patrols around Australia. (Mdl, R)
**8.30 RPA.** When a young man's first kidney transplant fails, he gets a second chance thanks to an offer from his sister. (PGm, R)
**9.30 Children's Hospital.** A teenage boy's bicycle wheelie ends disastrously. A two-year-old boy has critical surgery so he can breathe. (PGm, R)
**10.30 Chicago Med.** (MA15+am)
**11.20 Emergency Call.** (Ma, R)
**12.10** Tipping Point. (PG, R) **1.05** Pointless. (PG, R) **2.00** The Garden Gurus. (R) **2.30** Global Shop. (R) **3.00** TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) **4.00** Believer's Voice Of Victory. (PGa) **4.30** A Current Affair. (R) **5.00** 9News Early. **5.30** Today.

### TEN

**6.00** The Talk. (PGa) **7.00** Everyday Gourmet. (R) **7.30** Ent. Tonight. (R) **8.00** Farm To Fork. (R) **8.30** Judge Judy. (PG, R) **9.00** Bold. (PGa, R) **9.30** Neighbours. (PGa, R) **10.00** The Yes Experiment. (R) **10.30** Luxury Escapes. (R) **11.00** Food Trail: South Africa. (R) **11.30** My Market Kitchen. (R) **12.00** 10 News First: Midday. **1.00** Dr Phil. (PGal, R) **2.00** Jamie Cooks The Mediterranean. (R) **3.00** Ent. Tonight. **3.30** Farm To Fork. **4.00** Neighbours. (PGa) **4.30** Bold. (PGa) **5.00** News.
**6.30 The Project.** A look at the day's news.
**7.30 The Dog House Australia.** Celebrities, including Denise Scott, Mark Wales and Mark Philippoussis, search for a pet pooch. (PGa, R)
**9.00 On The Line: The Richard Williams Story.** Richard Williams, the father and former coach of Venus and Serena Williams, retraces his family's journey. (Mal)
**11.00 Blue Bloods.** (Ma, R)
**12.00 The Project.** (R)
**1.00** The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) **2.00** Home Shopping. (R) **4.30** CBS Mornings.

### SBS

**6.00** WorldWatch. **9.00** Peer To Peer. (R) **10.00** Peer To Peer. (PG, R) **10.30** BBC News At Ten. **11.00** Tennis. Kooyong Classic. Day 2. **5.00** Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Stage 5. Highlights.
**6.00 Mastermind Australia. (Australia)** Presented by Marc Fennell. (R)
**6.30 SBS World News.**
**7.30 Julia Bradbury's Irish Journey: West.** Part 2 of 4. (PGa)
**8.30 The Real Crown: Inside The House Of Windsor: Threats.** Part 2 of 5. When the Falklands War breaks out, Queen Elizabeth II sends her son Prince Andrew into battle. (PG, R)
**9.25 Culprits.** New Series. A family man's life is thrown into chaos. (MA15+)
**10.25 SBS World News Late.**
**10.55 A Class Apart. (Sweden)** (Madls)
**11.45 Pandore. (Belgium)** (MA15+av, R)
**12.35 Pandore. (Belgium)** (Malv, R)
**1.30 Pandore. (Belgium)** (Malns, R)
**2.25 Pandore. (Belgium)** (Maln, R)
**3.30 Pandore. (Belgium)** (Mls, R)
**4.25** Barnay. (Australia) (R) **5.00** NHK World English News Morning. (Japan) **5.30** ANC Philippines The World Tonight. (Philippines)

### ABC TV PLUS

**6.00** Children's Programs. **4.25** Reef School. **4.35** Bea's Block. **4.50** Do, Re & Mi. **5.00** Peppa Pig. **5.05** Brave Bunnies. **5.15** Supertato. **5.20** The Adventures Of Paddington. **5.35** Kiya And The Kimoja Heroes. **5.45** Hey Duggee. **5.55** Octonauts. **6.10** Pfffirates. **6.20** Bluey. **6.30** Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom. **6.40** Andy's Prehistoric Adventures. **6.55** Shaun The Sheep. **7.05** Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures. **7.20** Bluey. **7.30** Spicks And Specks. **8.00** Would I Lie To You? **8.30** Hard Quiz. **9.00** Gruen. **9.40** Penn & Teller: Fool Us. **10.20** Whose Line Is It Anyway? **10.45** Bliss. **11.05** Would I Lie To You? **11.40** Black Mirror. **12.35** Louis Theroux's LA Stories. **1.35** ABC News Update. **1.40** Close. **5.00** Children's Programs.

### 7TWO

**6.00** Home Shopping. **6.30** Escape To The Country. **7.30** A Moveable Feast. **8.00** Million Dollar Minute. **9.00** Harry's Practice. **9.30** NBC Today. **12.00** Better Homes And Gardens. **1.00** Escape To The Country. **2.00** To Be Advised. **2.30** My Greek Odyssey. **3.30** Harry's Practice. **4.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue. **4.30** Better Homes And Gardens. **5.30** Escape To The Country. **6.30** Bargain Hunt. **7.30** Father Brown. **8.30** Murdoch Mysteries. **11.30** Father Brown. **12.30** Bargain Hunt. **1.30** RSPCA Animal Rescue. **2.00** Cities Of The Underworld. **3.00** Better Homes And Gardens. **4.00** Million Dollar Minute. **5.00** A Moveable Feast. **5.30** James Robison.

### 9GO!

**6.00** Children's Programs. **8.30** Barbie: A Touch Of Magic. **9.00** Gigantosaurus. **9.30** Yu-Gi-Oh! Sevens. **10.00** Ninjago: Dragons Rising. **10.30** Pokémon Ultimate Journeys. **11.00** Movie: Pokémon: Lucario And The Mystery Of Mew. (2005) **1.00** Bewitched. **1.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. **2.30** Full House. **3.00** Seinfeld. **4.00** Family Ties. **4.30** The Addams Family. **5.00** Bewitched. **5.30** I Dream Of Jeannie. **6.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. **7.00** The Nanny. **7.30** Seinfeld. **8.30** Movie: Lord Of War. (2005) **11.00** Seinfeld. **12.00** Under The Dome. **1.00** Love After Lockup. Series Return. **2.00** I Dream Of Jeannie. **2.30** Full House. **3.00** Bakugan. **3.30** Beyblade Burst Surge. **4.00** Children's Programs.

### 10 BOLD

**6.00** Home Shopping. **8.00** Soccer. A-League Men. Round 11. Brisbane Roar v Sydney F.C. Highlights. **8.30** Diagnosis Murder. **9.30** Jake And The Fatman. **10.30** JAG. **12.30** Star Trek: Voyager. **2.30** Jake And The Fatman. **3.30** Diagnosis Murder. **5.30** JAG. **7.30** Bull. **8.30** NCIS. **9.30** NCIS: New Orleans. **10.30** Asian Cup Preview Show. **11.00** Evil. **11.55** 48 Hours. **12.50** Home Shopping. **2.20** Diagnosis Murder. **4.10** JAG.

### SBS VICELAND

**6.00** WorldWatch. **7.20** FBC News. **7.55** France 24 Feature. **8.10** ABC America Nightline. **8.40** CBC The National. **9.30** BBC News At Six. **10.00** Front Up. **11.30** Front Up. **12.00** The Kimberley Cruise: The Full Journey. **2.20** The Tailings. **2.30** Munchies Guide To Las Vegas. **3.20** BBC News At Ten. **3.50** ABC World News Tonight With David Muir. **4.15** PBS NewsHour. **5.15** Counter Space. **5.45** The Joy Of Painting With Bob Ross. **6.15** The Fast History Of. **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.30** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30** Beyond Oak Island. **9.20** Beyond Oak Island. **10.10** Guns That Changed The Game. **12.10** Dark Side Of Comedy. **1.05** F*ck, That's Delicious. **1.35** Dark Side Of The Ring. **2.25** NHK World English News. **5.00** Al Jazeera Newshour.

### ABC ME

**6.00** Children's Programs. **4.00** Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures. **4.15** Bluey. **4.20** Odd Squad. **4.45** Little Lunch. **5.00** Planet Lulin. **5.25** Miraculous: Tales Of Ladybug And Cat Noir. **5.45** Hotel Transylvania. **6.00** Spooky Files. **6.20** Welcome To Cardboard City. **6.30** Operation Ouch! **7.00** Horrible Histories. **7.30** Shaun The Sheep. **7.35** The Penguins Of Madagascar. **8.00** The Legend Of Korra. **8.25** Jade Armor. **8.45** Mustangs FC. **9.10** School Of Rock. **9.35** Mythbusters "There's Your Problem!". **10.10** Rage Heroes Of Hip Hop Special. **11.15** Close.

### 7MATE

**6.00** The Fishing Show. **7.00** On The Fly. **7.30** Creek To Coast. **8.00** A Football Life. **9.00** America's Game. **10.00** American Pickers. **11.00** Pawn Stars. **12.00** Highway Patrol. **1.00** The Force: BTL. **2.00** Aussie Lobster Men. **3.00** Billy The Exterminator. **3.30** Counting Cars. **4.30** Storage Wars. **5.00** American Restoration. **5.30** American Pickers. **6.30** Pawn Stars. **7.00** Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 33. Hobart Hurricanes v Adelaide Strikers. **7.35** Family Guy. **8.30** American Dad! **9.00** Movie: National Lampoon's Vacation. (1983) **11.10** Roast Night. **12.30** Late Programs.

### 9GEM

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### 10 PEACH

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# MOTORING

# Rugged and loaded with character

TOBY HAGON

The Ineos Grenadier has carved itself something of a cult following.

There's no sat-nav, you can't option electric seats and it's one of the few new cars to get steel wheels and hose-out vinyl floors.

But that ruggedness and built-for-purpose simplicity is the appeal of the Ineos Grenadier, a car unapologetically targeted at getting down and dirty across some of the country's most unforgiving terrain.

The Grenadier is a hard core off-roader designed to plug a hole left when the Land Rover Defender went up-market and other off-roaders simply fizzled out.

It is produced by UK-based petrochemicals giant Ineos, better known for its one-third ownership of the Mercedes-AMG Formula 1 team.

Engineered in the UK, and built in France using German engines and French transmissions, the multicultural wagon was conceived in a London pub by British billionaire Sir Jim Ratcliffe to channel the capability and durability of the original Defender.

But the Grenadier adds more tech and trinkets to make big adventures or work trips that little bit more comfortable.

Key to that are BMW engines.

The Grenadier comes with a 3.0-litre six-cylinder turbo, powered either by petrol or diesel.

It's hooked up to an eight-speed ZF transmission shared with many luxury cars.

Ineos convinced the government the Grenadier should be classified as a work vehicle – effectively a light truck, which means it sidesteps some safety requirements and doesn't pay luxury car tax. But customers will pay prestige car prices for the Grenadier.

The entry model costs about $119,000 drive-away and add another $13,000 for the Trialmaster (with extra off-road equipment) or Fieldmaster (with leather and luxury).

Even then, you're still slotting a key in the ignition, pulling on a manual handbrake and wrestling with a stubby gear lever to lock the centre differential or select low range.

The doors have double-sealed rubbers to keep water out and they close with a satisfying clang, although they also demand some muscle to ensure they latch properly. The Grenadier rides on a ladder frame architecture similar to what underpins a ute or Toyota LandCruiser.

The rugged 70-Series LandCruiser is its biggest competitor.

Many of the early buyers seem to love that rawness and authenticity, which demands a basic understanding of off-road systems to maximise its potential.

The traction control system isn't as smart as some, for example, so those locking diffs will be needed for traversing loose terrain.

Activating them can be finicky, although the results when activated are impressive.

The Grenadier is ferociously capable, its live axle suspension conquering rocks and obstacles.

That suspension is also supple enough to make for comfortable touring, albeit with a heavy-footed feel that is a reminder of the weight.

It has also been designed for punishment, with tough underbody protection and solid recovery points on each corner if you get stuck.

The 210kW/450Nm petrol engine does a great job of shifting circa-27-tonnes of nuggety off-roader and there's a gravelly growl as it revs. But the 183kW/550Nm diesel is better suited, muscling up with more low-rev pull and a more palatable 10.5 litres per 100km fuel consumption number (down from 12.6L/100km for the petrol models).

There are compromises however. The Grenadier has woolly steering that requires plenty of twirls.

Its off-road focused tyres – including available all-terrain BF Goodrich units – relish rocks and dirt and fend off punctures beautifully, but they lack precision on bitumen.

It also leans in bends and lacks the refinement and polish of a LandCruiser or Land Rover.

The driver's left foot fights for space with a panel shielding the exhaust system beneath the floor.

But the interior is functional and rugged, two things not all modern off-roaders manage particularly well.

There's something reassuring about its handbrake lever, or physical controls used in lieu of hidden menus in a digital display.

Sure, the Grenadier has a 12.3-inch infotainment screen that incorporates its instrument cluster and various menus, including some handy ones that show the operation of the 4WD system with temperature readouts, tyre pressure displays and so-on.

But it still has dials and buttons that make adjusting the ventilation or sound systems easy while bounding along rocky trails.

The aircraft-style overhead panel is a nice touch, making additional off-road hardware easy to access and providing separate switches for accessories (the wiring is built into the car, reducing the need to turn to the aftermarket to run additional cables). All of which adds up to a car like no other.

It's loaded with character – which in some instances is a polite way of digesting some of its (occasionally loveable) flaws – and unashamedly focuses on serious off-road capability, often at the expense of on-road sophistication.

With so few choices at that end of the market the Grenadier has already carved itself something of a cult following, one that looks set to spread its adventurous spirit to all corners of the country.

**VERDICT** ★★★½

Raw and rugged but loaded with character and off-road substance, albeit with on-road compromises.





## AT A GLANCE

**INEOS GRENADIER TRIALMASTER DIESEL**

**PRICE** From about $130,000 drive-away
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**SAFETY** Six airbags, reversing camera
**ENGINE** 3.0-litre six-cylinder turbo diesel, 183kW/550Nm
**THIRST** 10.5L/100km
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**BOOT** 1152L

The Grenadier unashamedly focuses on serious off-road capability.

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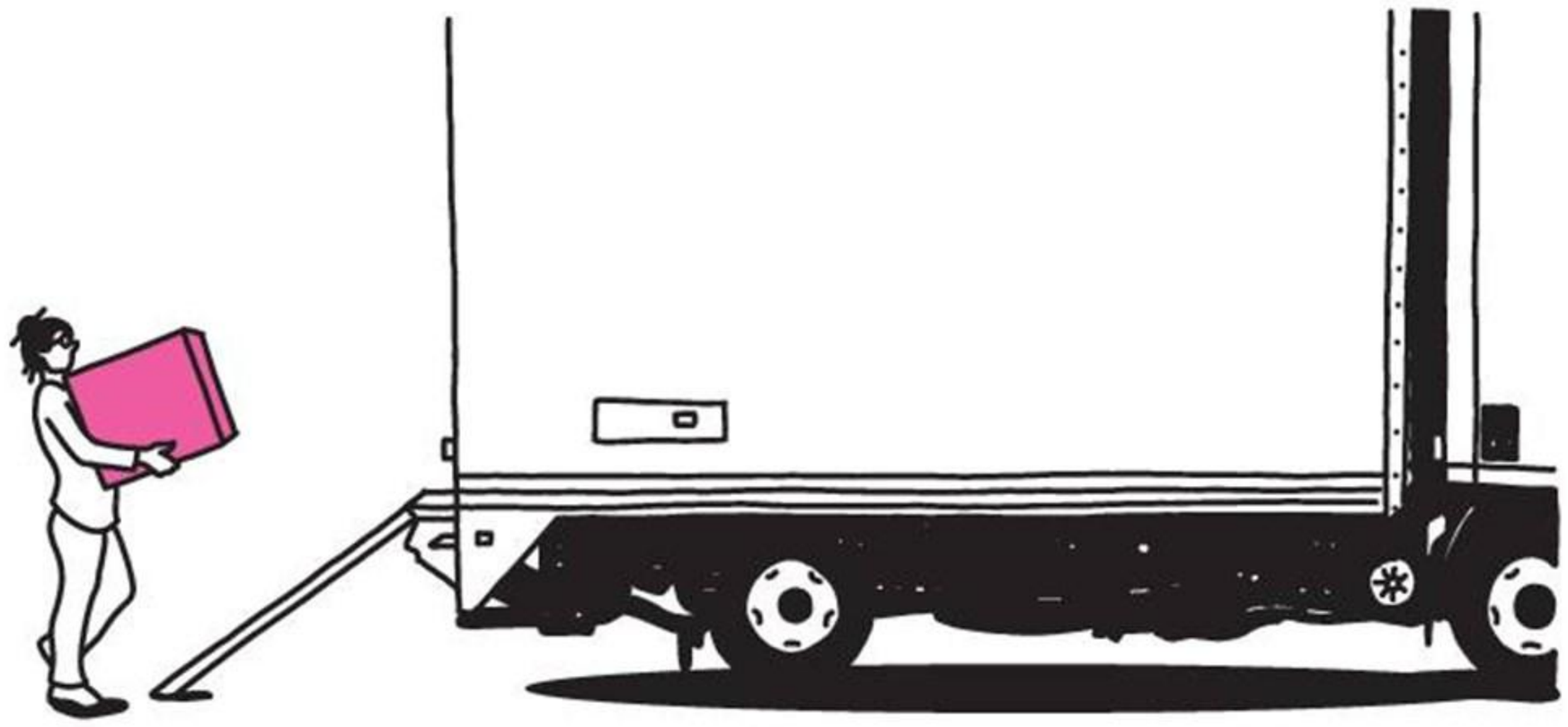

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# A winner! Spread the news

XAVIER DUFF

Farmers looking for a "combi" spreader that handles lime and granular fertilisers but does not compromise precise delivery can look forward to the latest offering from Amazone.

The new ZG-TX trailed combi spreader spreads granular fertilisers with Amazone's proven, accurate TS disc-spreading system but then, after only a few simple adjustments, can be used to spread lime with a separate newly developed lime-spreading unit.

"Switching from spreading granular fertilisers to lime is extremely simple," Claas Harvest Centre Amazone product manager Blair McAlwee said.

"Changing the spreading discs, the splash guard and the delivery system can be completed in less than 30 minutes. The terminal automatically recognises that the spreader has been converted."

In granular fertiliser mode, the spreading width can be adjusted from 15m to 54m and in the lime mode up to 16m.

The ZG-TX is designed to deliver consistent flow and even coverage of fertilisers and lime in the paddock with minimal wastage.

Material is delivered to two spreading discs via a floor belt that rises by five degrees during spreading for optimum load distribution. The steep hopper walls ensure that the product flows smoothly and an optional chain rake guarantees even better flow of material to the spreading unit.

Key to the ZG-TX's accuracy is an electric double shutter at the delivery point that enables accurate rate adjustment, unlike conventional spreaders that typically use a simple chute to deliver fertiliser on to the spreading discs.

An optional rate-reduction shutter enables precise application of lime at low rates of less than one tonne a hectare. The TS spreading unit incorporates a border-spreading system on the right side of the machine that ensures fertiliser does not go beyond the edges of the paddock or into waterways.

The application rate of each disc can be adjusted independently, allowing 16 part-width section control or perfect headland control if using an ISOBUS terminal.

A newly developed border-spread deflector for lime is also available. The use of such a border spreading system in a combi spreader is unique, the company says.

The system also allows for section control for varying application rates in different parts of the paddock.

The ZG-TX comes in two configurations – the Special and the Super.

The Special has a hopper capacity of 6800 or 9000 litres, a maximum loaded weight of 17 tonnes and can be supplied either with a top or lower-mounted drawbar.

The heavy-duty Super model has a capacity up to 11,200 litres, a maximum loaded weight of 21 tonnes and a rigid bottom-hitch drawbar.

The ZG-TX combi can be controlled using Amazone's EasySet in-cab terminal or any ISOBUS terminal, including Amazone's own AMATRON 4 terminal.

"AMATRON 4 is an ISOBUS terminal. It offers section and headland control, site-specific application, digital fill level indicator, job management, lighting and three camera inputs, it is specified with the Super configuration," Mr McAlwee said.

"The EasySet 2 terminal, which is specified in the Special configuration, guarantees ultra-easy operation with any tractor."

All models can be equipped with AS profile tyres up to 2.05m diameter and 750mm wide for even weight distribution and axle steering is an option. Dual-circuit pneumatic brakes and LED lights ensure safe transport at speeds up to 40km/h.

Amazone's new ZG-TX trailed combi spreader for granular fertilisers and lime.

# Historic tractor marks centenary

Vintage tractor enthusiasts still have an opportunity to inspect a classic 1949 Farmall restored to mint condition by a Kerang collector.

The American Farmall Super A, which was restored by the late Cedric Sheaf, was bought by machinery company Case IH in 2023 to celebrate Farmall's 100 years of production.

The tractor was displayed at the AgQuip, Henty and Yorke Peninsula field days and is now on display to the public at Case IH dealership Larwoods Ag Services at Kadina, in South Australia, until further notice.

International Harvester engineer Bert R. Benjamin designed the first Farmall prototype in 1923, and the brand has been around ever since as part of the Case IH machinery stable.

Mr Sheaf, who died in early 2023 aged 91, bought the Farmall Super A from Trentham Cliffs, Mildura, in June 2001, where it had been sitting in a paddock for 13 years.

He restored it and it became one of six Farmalls in his collection that were kept in a shed in his and wife Inez's backyard.

Mr Sheaf enjoyed showing them off at vintage tractor events and driving them in local parades.

The Farmall Super A won a number of Best Restored Tractor awards at vintage machinery club days.

Mr Sheaf's daughter, Barbara Lawson, said her father was passionate about Farmalls and collecting them.

He was meticulous in restoring them and took a lot of pride in "doing it right".

"Dad would have been so thrilled to know one of his Farmalls was actually purchased by Case IH to further help celebrate Farmall's centenary year," Ms Lawson said.

"When my sister and I knew one of Dad's tractors was going to the company, we were really very emotional.

"It meant such a lot and would have meant a lot to him, too."

Cedric Sheaf on the Farmall Super A in a street parade in Kerang.

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# Gardening

with Tony Fawcett

## Biteline

### Intrepid reap the rewards

Despite the abysmal fishing conditions over the past week, a couple of places produced excellent results. Top spots were the Lee Breakwater at Portland and bank fishing in Lake Eildon.

John Clements, at the Lake Purrumbete Holiday Park, reports the lake fished well. Chinook salmon to 4kg were caught on pilchard and trolled Tassie Devil lures. Brown trout to 3kg, rainbow and tiger trout to 2kg were caught on mudeye and minnows. Redfin from 400g to 600g were caught on scrubworms, minnows and soft plastic lures. Next door at Lake Bullen Merri, anglers used downrigger trolling methods to catch brown, rainbow and tiger trout, and Chinook salmon to 3kg.

In the South West, Ben Johnstone, at Portland Bait and Tackle, reports the Lee Breakwater provided plenty of excitement for anglers restricted to shore by strong winds: snapper to 7.5kg, pinkies, King George whiting to 51cm, gummy sharks to 1.5m, barracouta, salmon and small kingfish were caught. Portland Harbour produced slimy mackerel, pinkies, and calamari squid.

In Port Phillip Bay, Chris Pitman, at Drysdale Bait and Tackle, reports strong winds restricted many anglers.

Snapper to 3kg were caught near the spoil grounds in Corio Bay Outer Harbour. St Leonards pier produced good numbers of pinkies, and King George whiting to 35cm were being caught off the yacht club.

Chinook salmon weighing 4kg caught by Chris Farrugia.

The grass beds at Queenscliff also fished well for whiting. Southern bluefin tuna to 12kg were caught in about 30m of water off Barwon Heads.

Lake Eildon fished well for Murray cod from 60-70cm, yellowbelly 45-50cm average and redfin 30-35cm.

Most fish were caught close to shore on yabbies, scrubworms, soft plastic lures and small diving lures.

The Goulburn River produced brown and rainbow trout to 1.5kg on worms, Powerbait, lures and flies.

Eildon Pondage received an injection of 100, 4-7kg brown trout. The Pondage produced rainbow trout averaging 700g. Powerbait, lures and mudeyes produced good results on smaller trout while most bigger brown trout were taken on Crab Pattern Kroc lures.

In the Gippsland Lakes at Lakes Entrance, kingfish were caught in Cunninghame and North Arms while Bullock Island produced salmon and tailor on lures on the rising tide. Surf beaches were holding tailor and salmon.

In Lake Tyers, whiting, bream, and flathead were caught, with salmon and tailor taken in the surf on pilchards.

The Mitchell, Tambo and Nicholson rivers produced bream on soft shell, cut crab, prawn and soft plastic lures.

In East Gippsland at Marlo, bream and luderick were caught on sandworm in Lake Corringle and salmon in the entrance on metal lures.

Bemm River entrance is open and the channel produced salmon on lures.

The lake was best for bream and flathead on prawn and pilchard.

In Mallacoota Inlet the Top and Bottom Lakes and Harrisons Channel produced bream and flathead with salmon and tailor caught in the surf.

- STEVE COOPER

# Make a new resolution

Devoted gardeners should resolve to take time to sit back and admire their achievements.

"Hindsight is a wonderful thing," quothed long-gone English poet William Blake.

I thought of his quothing recently when writing this column on New Year gardening resolutions.

It seemed to make a lot of sense, so I fossicked back in the archives to find exactly what I had resolved to do in past New Year gardening columns – and more importantly, how many of those resolutions I had actually followed through on.

I can report quite smugly that about 50 per cent came to pass.

For starters, I now never set foot in our garden without plucking a few weeds (2002 resolution), I keep plant name tags in a photo album so I know exactly what's growing out there, I use more organic compost on beds, and I try not to leave secateurs outside to rust in the rain (I ruined some beauties that way).

That's the upside.

The biggie that still needs work is 2010's resolution, to stop becoming so paranoid about garden jobs I "still must do", and to devote some me time to actually relaxing in the garden, smelling the roses if you like. It's a common trap for gardeners, I know.

I've tried to overcome it by repeating ad nauseam to myself that "gardening isn't a race ... it's a lifestyle" – and I occasionally take a sneak peek at a cartoon master caricaturist George Haddon drew of me snoozing in a wheelbarrow amid garden tools.

Doesn't help much, George, but it always gives me a laugh.

Then there are the abject failure resolutions.

A couple of times I resolved in print to not impulse buy plants without knowing where I'm going to plant them.

Still can't help myself on that one, and I lament quite a few that died in pots through lack of action.

In 2019 I resolved in the next year to plant a potted lilac tree for which I couldn't find a permanent home in our garden.

> ... devote some me time to actually relaxing in the garden, smelling the roses if you like

Making time to smell the roses ... a worthy resolution; insets (from left): black spot needs to be tackled early; alpine sunset, a rose like no other; remember to plant autumn crocus bulbs. Pictures: Fawcett Media
Right: Gardens should be for relaxing – Tony in wheelbarrow.
Cartoon: George Haddon

Confession: it's still in the same pot and still un-homed, though miraculously still alive.

Again, in 2002, I resolved to every September I religiously spray our roses to stop black spot becoming established.

It was a noble idea but again I failed, though I sometimes do spray on other dates, generally too late when the ugly yellow/black splotches have already taken an unsightly toll.

More seriously, what I did notice on checking back to 2002 is that Mancozeb was then one of the most recommended sprays for black spot. It's a spray I will no longer use.

In 2021 it was banned by the European Union because it can cause skin irritation and is suspected of damaging human fertility or the unborn child.

Some might – and do – argue that European finding but it's reason enough, I believe, to play safe and resolve to use only proven organic fungicides.

My other 2024 resolution include:

- **REDUCE** the number of plastic gardening items I buy, and when I must buy plants in plastic pots to ensure they are recycled.
- **PLANT** autumn flowering bulbs, such as autumn crocus.
- **SUPPORT** smaller nurseries that still sell more unusual, harder-to-get plants.
- **CONTINUE** hounding rose nurseries to seek out stocks of the 1973-bred apricot rose Alpine Sunset, for mine one of the best ever but seldom sold these days.
- **CONTINUE** the battle to destroy "jump-jack" bull ant nests from around our garden. I'm fed up being bitten by these spiteful creatures.
- **APROPOS** above, always wear gloves when gardening.
- **REGULARLY** check on these resolutions so next year I won't have anything to resolve.
- **STOP** making New Year resolutions I know I will never keep.

And getting back to William Blake, his full words were "Hindsight is a wonderful thing ... but foresight is better, especially when it comes to saving life, or some pain" – which makes even more sense for us gardeners.

# Food

## Quick sticky caramel pork noodle salad

Quicker than takeaway, we've combined supermarket pork belly bites and sauces with fresh veg and egg noodles for an easy Asian dinner in just 20 minutes!

### INGREDIENTS

**800g pork belly bites**
**125ml (½ cup) maple syrup**
**60ml (¼ cup) sweet soy sauce**
**Kecap Manis**
**2 tbsp fish sauce**
**2 tbsp rice wine vinegar**
**1 long fresh red chilli, thinly sliced, deseeded (optional)**
**400g fresh egg noodles**
**180g pkt baby leaves and beetroot**
**1 carrot, peeled, shredded**
**1/2 cup torn fresh coriander sprigs**
**1/4 cup fresh mint leaves**
**2 tbsp salted roasted peanuts, coarsely chopped**

### METHOD

**MAKE THE STICKY PORK** Place the pork in a large frying pan over high heat. Cook, stirring occasionally, for 7 minutes or until well browned.

Add the maple syrup, kecap manis, fish sauce, vinegar and chilli, if using.

Bring to boil. Reduce heat to medium.

Stir in 60ml (1/4 cup) water. Simmer, stirring occasionally, for 2 minutes or until the sauce thickens enough to coat the pork. Remove from heat.

### STEP 2

**COOK THE NOODLES**

Meanwhile, place noodles in a large saucepan of boiling water. Cook for 2 minutes or until just tender. Drain and refresh under cold running water.

### STEP 3

**SERVE THE SALAD**

Combine the noodles, leaves, carrot, coriander and mint on a platter. Top with some pork. Serve with peanuts and remaining pork on the side.

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## 3-ingredient passionfruit sorbet shots

This 3-ingredient boozy dessert is a mix of equal parts tropical cocktail and healthy fruity snack. Satisfy both sides of your cravings!

### INGREDIENTS

**4 large passionfruits**
**240ml vodka**
**500g vanilla bean yoghurt, slightly frozen**

### METHOD

Halve each large passionfruit crossways. Scoop pulp into a bowl. Place each half in a hole of a mini muffin tray. Pour 30ml vodka into each half.

### STEP 2

Fold half the pulp through softened slightly frozen vanilla bean yoghurt. Scoop into each half. Freeze for 30 minutes. Top with remaining pulp.

# YOUR STARS

### CAPRICORN
**(Dec 22-Jan 19)**

Mars represents, at best, a passion for adventure. At worst, frustration and anger. To keep this energy healthy, give yourself satisfying things to do. Expression is the way for our warrior spirit.

### AQUARIUS
**(Jan 20-Feb 18)**

This week practicality, sensuality and groundedness are the order of the day. This is a time to bring your ideas and ideals to a successful, practical realisation.

### PISCES
**(Feb 19-Mar 20)**

This week reinforces all that is good in your imagination and intuition. By keeping order and rhythm in your life, good things will evolve. It's not a good time to be nebulous.

### ARIES
**(Mar 21-Apr 20)**

As you seek nourishment and respite, this week offers clarity on where to find it. The more authentic you are, the more clarity will come easily. Keep things simple and practical.

### TAURUS
**(Apr 21-May 20)**

This week gives you the energy to keep your agenda expansive and generous. The start of the week will throw a few emotions to the surface that may need attending to.

### GEMINI
**(May 21-June 21)**

You're focussed on the future. Look ahead with optimism and honesty. It's time to come into your own, find your voice and your path. Be alert and sure-footed. Show off your new skills.

### CANCER
**(June 22-July 22)**

This week affirms the rightness of your feelings, no matter how misunderstood. Pour your feelings into your relationships and creative outlets.

### LEO
**(July 23-Aug 22)**

Sift all that's real and fun from any conditioning to be serious. Don't trust anyone who lacks a sense of humour and don't trust anything in yourself lacking humour. Share your love.

### VIRGO
**(Aug 23-Sept 22)**

A shift in philosophy can be as powerful, if not more so, than a shift in our psychology. It is time to renew and review your perspective. Are you seeing through a lens that lifts your heart?

### LIBRA
**(Sept 23-Oct 23)**

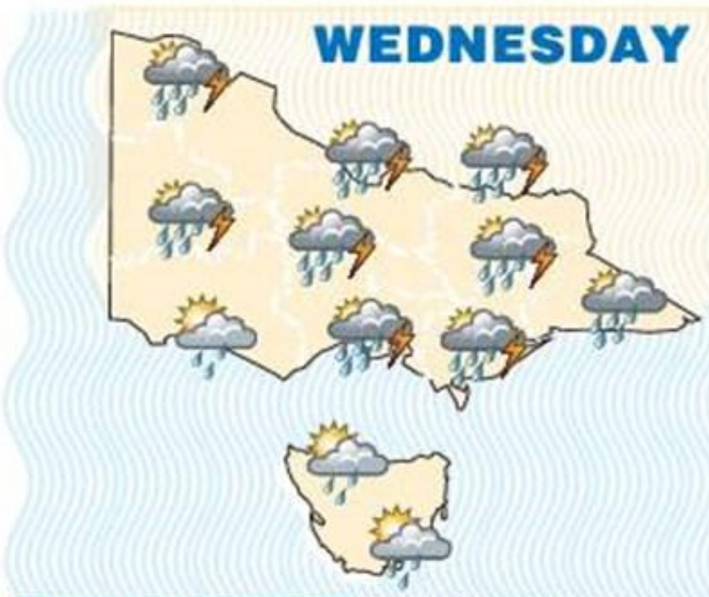
When we are placed in a position of authority parts of our being come to the fore that we didn't know existed. Life is presenting you with food for reflection. Be open to change.

### SCORPIO
**(Oct 24-Nov 21)**

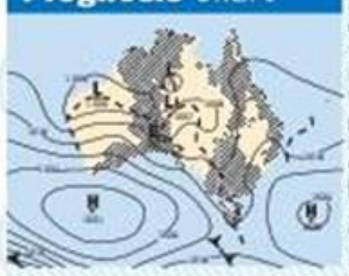
This week boosts your sense that your feelings are intuitively correct. Don't let anybody rush you or push you to expand before you are ready. Take all that you do slowly and carefully.

### SAGITTARIUS
**(Nov 22-Dec 21)**

Life is nudging you into expansion and growth. Magic and beauty will flourish if you stay grounded. Nourish your body and your environment.

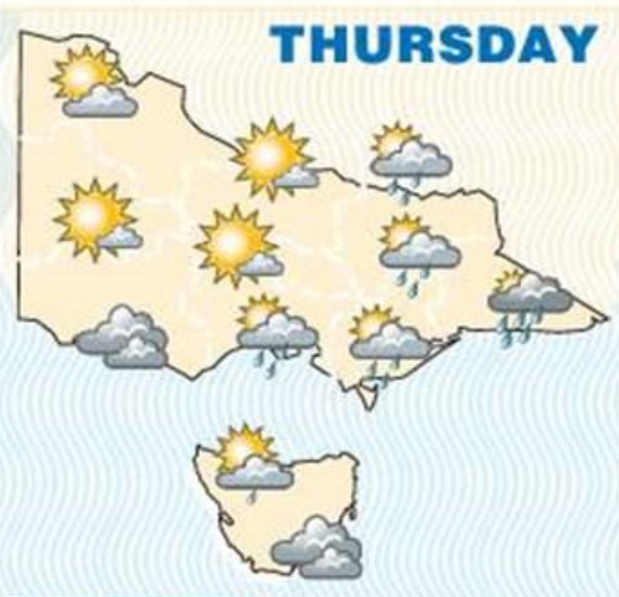



**Prognosis** chart



**Victoria:** Cloudy with isolated showers and storms becoming more widespread over the eastern half of the State. Severe storms in the afternoon and evening north of the Divide with potential heavy falls, large hail and damaging winds gusts. A mild to warm and humid day, hot in the far NW. Light to moderate N/NW wind ahead of the trough shifting S/SW behind the trough as it moves across the State in the afternoon and evening.

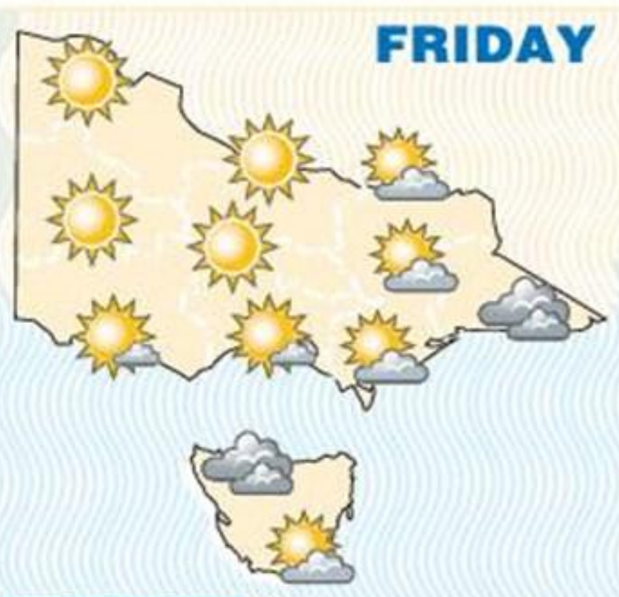
**Tasmania:** Scattered showers. Chance of storms about the Bass Strait islands and northeast, extending to the remainder of the north and inland parts of the south in the afternoon, easing in the evening. NE/SE winds, tending fresh S'ly later




**Prognosis** chart

**Victoria:**
Partly cloudy becoming cloudy across Gippsland with isolated showers and storms, mainly in the east and across the north of the State in the afternoon. A mild to warm day with light to moderate south to southeasterly winds, fresh at times near the coast.

**Tasmania:**
Light showers about the south and east, clearing during the afternoon. Fine elsewhere until isolated showers develop about the northwest in the evening. Southerly winds, fresh about the east and west coasts, easing in the evening. Afternoon sea breezes in the north.




**Prognosis** chart

**Victoria:**
Mostly dry and sunny. Mild in the south and warm in the north (hot in the far north west). Light to moderate east to southeasterly winds.

**Tasmania:**
Fine apart from isolated showers about the northwest. Light winds with afternoon sea breezes.

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## RAINFALL

Victoria's Rainfall (mm) at week ending January 01, 2024.

**NORTH MALLEE:** Annuello 11, Mildura 11, Murrayville 36, Ouyen 24, Redcliffs –, Walpeup MRS 14, Werrimull 14.
**SOUTH MALLEE:** Berriwillock –, Beulah –, Birchip (Woodlands) –, Culgoa –, Hopetoun –, Lalbert –, Narraport –, Patchewollock –, Quambatook –, Rainbow –, Sea Lake 19, Swan Hill AWS 48, Ultima 24, Woomelang 10.
**NORTH WIMMERA:** Dimboola 10, Donald –, Jeparit 1, Kaniva –, Minyip –, Nhill AWS 18, Warracknabeal –, Warracknabeal Airport 10, Yanac North –.
**SOUTH WIMMERA:** Apsley 7, Ben Nevis 2, Drung Drung –, Edenhope Airport 17, Eversley Hyd 2, Gordon 30/9, Harrow –, Horsham –, Horsham AWS 4, Kanagulk AWS 61, Longerenong 9, Mount William 48, Natimuk 22/10, Nawarre Hyd 11, Rupanyup 12, St Arnaud 95/9, Stawell AWS 4.
**LOWER NORTH:** Boort –, Canary Island 9, Charlton –, Charlton AWS 17, Cobram 2, Cohuna –, Coonooer Bridge –, Echuca 7, Kerang 12, Korong Vale (Bumbank) –, Kyabram FSA 23, Rochester 18, Rochester Syphon 20, Wedderburn 185.
**UPPER NORTH:** Archdale Junction 12, Avoca –, Avoca Hyd 4, Bendigo AWS 33, Bet Bet 18, Dooke –, Dunolly 21, Elmore –, Goulburn Weir 28, Gowangardie Weir 50, Inglewood 11/2 L, Eppelock 33, Lanecoorie D/S 0.4, Murchison –, Nuttle Yallock –, Raywood –, Runnymede 8, Rushworth –, Shepparton AWS 22, Stanhope 10, Strathfieldsaye 37, Tatura FSA 17, Tungamah –, Yarrawonga 20.
**LOWER NORTH EAST:** Albury Ap 19, Angle side 35, Balldonan 35, Barnawartha –, Beechworth –, Benalla 28, Beringama S 3, Biggara 27, Bobinawarrah 28, Broken Weir 28, Burrowye –, Chiltern 42, Cheshunt Hyd 20, Chiltern 59/8, Conyong Airport 41, Eldorado 40/8, Enderlee 29, Eurobin –, Gibbo Park 46, Granite Flat 29, Greta Sth 26, Heronsle a 38, Hillside 21, Hunters Hill AWS 34, Kelfeera 25, Koetong –, L Dartmouth 15, L Nillahcootie –, Loombah Res. –, Mitta Mitta 31, Mongans Bridge 30, Moorngag –, Morella 24, Moroko Park 30, Mt Tabletop 50, Mt Wombat 36, Myrtleford –, Myrtlee Hyd –, Nariel Creek –, Osborries Flat 18, P Mc Quinns Weir –, Rocky Point 41, Rutherglen Research 50, Strathbogie 29, Strathbogie Nth 34, Tallangatta –, Tatong 31, Telfords Bridge 34, Violet Town Hyd 28, Wahwa –, Wangaratta AWS 20, Warrenbeyne 20, Waterhouse Res. –, Wodonga 22, Wrightley 29, Yackandandah –.
**UPPER NORTH EAST:** Ardertori 54, Bright –, Bright Hyd –, Bridge Creek –, Dicherrys 40, Eidi Upper 60/8, Eurobin 23, Falls Creek AWS 38, Harrietville –, Harris Lane 16, Himmorrunjie 19, Jamieson 41, Joker Creek –, L William Hovell –, L Buffalo 7, L Buffalo Hyd 33, Mansfield 95, Mt Buffalo 11, Mt Buller AWS 36, Mt Hotham AWS 41, Mt Hotham AP 19, Omeo 25, Rocky Valley –, Tonga Bridge 37, Upper Buckland 24, Whitlands –, Woods Point –.
**EAST GIPPSLAND:** Bairnsdale Ap 20, Bonang –, Brutten 40/10, Buchan –, Buchan Hyd –, Bullumwaal 37, Cabbage Tree –, Cann River –, Chandlers Creek 45, Club Terrace –, Combienbar –, Combienbar AWS –, Dargo –, Delicia Nora –, Ensay 30, Gabo Is 44, Gelantipy AWS 79, Genoa –, Lakes Entrance 12, Lower Dargo –, Mallacoota AWS 45, McMillop's Bridge 90, Mt Nowa Nowa AWS 60, Orbost AWS 34, Pt Hicks –, Swifts Creek –, Tubbut –, Waterford 30.
**WEST GIPPSLAND:** Balook 169, Barkly River –, Bookaria South 53, Booloria Hyd 51, Briagolong Hyd –, Calligree Nth Hyd –, Cowwarr Weir 33, Crooked River Hyd 14, Darnum 15, Drouin –, Erica 30/10, Foster –, Glenaladale 40, Glencairn 5, Glenmaggie Creek –, Jindivick 91, Koonwarra 52, Korumburra –, L Glenmaggie 28, Liberteuche –, Latrobe Valley 32, Leongatha –, Licola –, Lindenow –, Maffra 39, Mirboo North –, Mt Baw Baw AWS 46, Mt Moornapa AWS 69, Mt Tamboritha 21, Mt Tassie 116, Mt Useful 41, Murderers Hill 30, Pound Creek 44, Reeves Knob 39, Sale 92, Stratford Hyd 36, Stringybark Creek –, Tanjil Sth 15, The Channel 26, Thorpdale 67, Toora –, Traralgon EPA 30, Traralgon Sth 64, Valencia Creek –, Warragul (Yilma North) 25, Willow Grove –, Wilsons Prom 7, Yarragon 113, Yarram Airport 61.
**EAST CENTRAL:** Carrum 38, Cerberus AWS 19, Cheltenham 16, Coldstream AWS 38, Cranbourne –, Croydon –, Eltham 33, Epping –, Essendon AWS 24, Ferny Creek 47, Flemington –, Glen Waverley –, Healesville South –, Kinglake 37, Lilydale –, Main Ridge –, Melbourne Olympic Pk 20, Melbourne AP 25, Mitcham 33, Monbulk –, Moorabbin AWS 31, Mornington 45, O'Shannassy –, Oakleigh 32/8, Prahran –, Preston 26, Rhyll AWS 22, Rosebud 24, Scoresby AWS 25, Springvale –, Tooradin 43, Ventnor –, Viewbank 26, Warandyte –, Wonthaggi 30/10, Yan Yean 29.
**WEST CENTRAL:** Ahuna –, Avalon AWS 23, Bacchus Marsh –, Ballan –, Bannockburn –, Barwon Heads GC –, Blackwood 30, Blue Mountain –, Bullengrook –, Clifton Springs –, Durdidwarrah –, Fiskville –, Geelong Racecourse 15, Granite Rd 16, Lal Lal 20, Lancefield 60, Lara 21, Laverton AWS 22, Lerderderg Hyd 37, Melton Sth –, Meredith 46, Meredith (Dara) 40, Mortons 41, Mt Hope –, Pollocksford 18, Queenscliff –, Romsey 49, Shelford Hyd –, Sheoaks AWS 28, Toolern Vale –, Woodmanata 12.
**NORTH CENTRAL:** Alexandra –, Avenel –, Bonnie Doon –, Braeside –, Bullarto Sth 25, Cairn Curran 0.6, Castlemaine 16, Clunes 4, Clunes Hyd –, Daylesford 67/10, Eildon AWS 74, Flowerdale 39, Graytown –, Heathcote 19, Highwood –, Kilmore North –, Kilmore Gap AWS 32, Kyneton 10, Lake Eildon 61, Mangalore AWS 42, Maryborough 6, Marysville GC –, Redesdale AWS 22, Seymour –, Strath Creek –, Taggerty 66, Tallarook 27, Trentham –, Vaughan 14, Wallaby Creek 42, Waterford Park 43, Woodend 33, Yandoit 14, Yarck 47, Yea 34.
**WESTERN PLAINS:** Ararat 4, Ballarat 8, Balmoral 35, Beaufort –, Cavendish –, Cressy –, Derrinallum 46, Dunkeld –, Glenthompson –, Inverleigh Hyd 20, Lismore 43, Mt Mercer 6, Rokewood 40, Skipton 28, Warrambine 23, Westmere 24, Wickliffe 23, Willaura 16.
**WEST COAST:** Aireys Inlet AWS 27, Apollo Bay 38, Beeac 21, Beech Forest –, Benwerrin 101, Birregurra –, Camperdown –, Cape Nelson AWS 5, Cape Otway 28, Caramut –, Casterton 6, Coleraine 13, Colac –, Coleraine –, Dartmoor 10, Forrest –, Gellibrand –, Hamilton AWS 26, Hawkesdale –, Heywood –, Koroit –, Lake Colac 16, Merino –, Mortlake AWS 14, Mt Cowley 150, Mt Gellibrand AWS 22, Mt Sabine 162, Nelson –, Nullawarre 10, Pershurst 37/8, Port Fairy AWS 6, Portland Ap AWS 18, Ricketts Marsh 15, Terang 12, Warrnambool AWS 10, West Barwon Dam –, Winchelsea 16, Wyelangta

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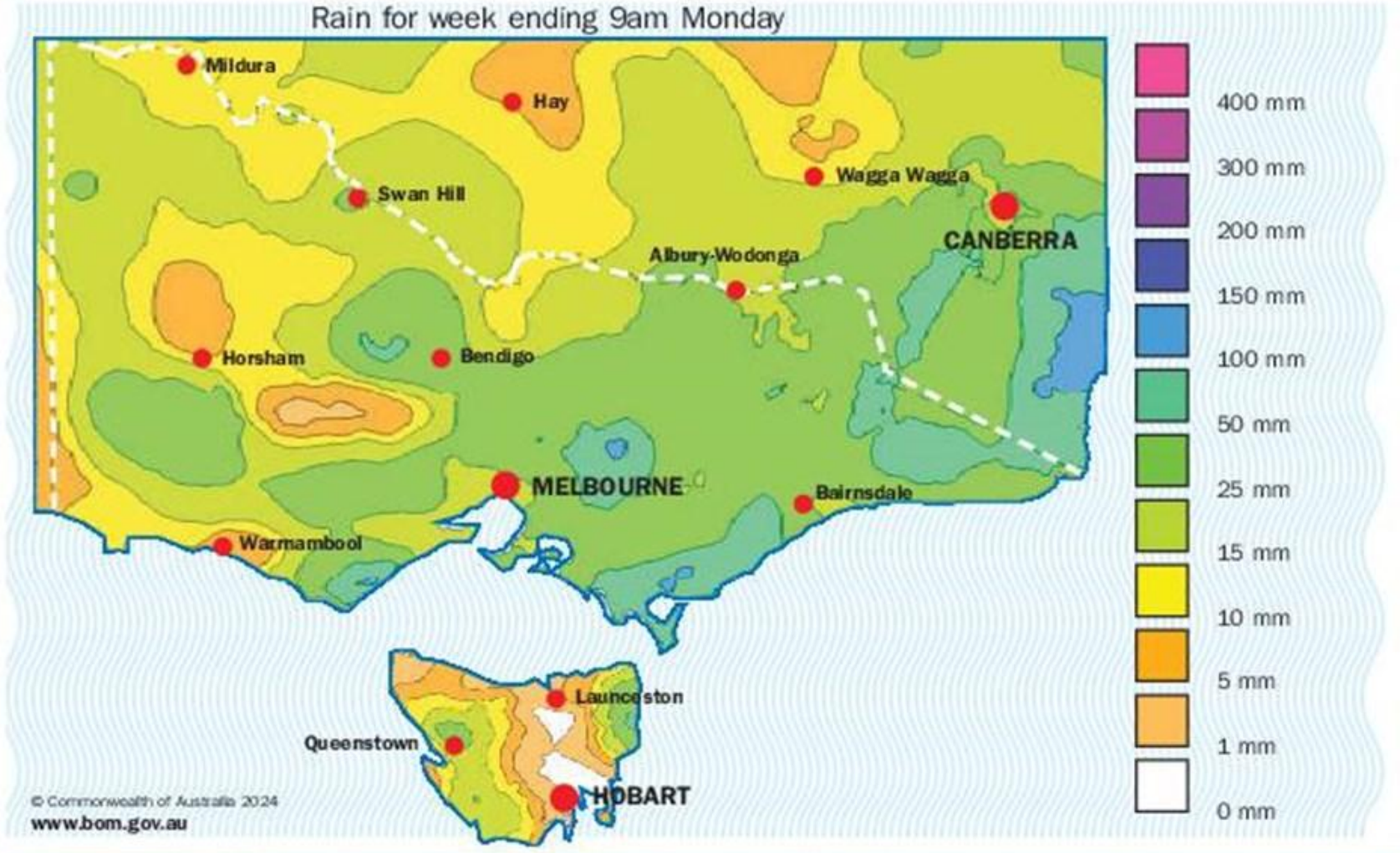


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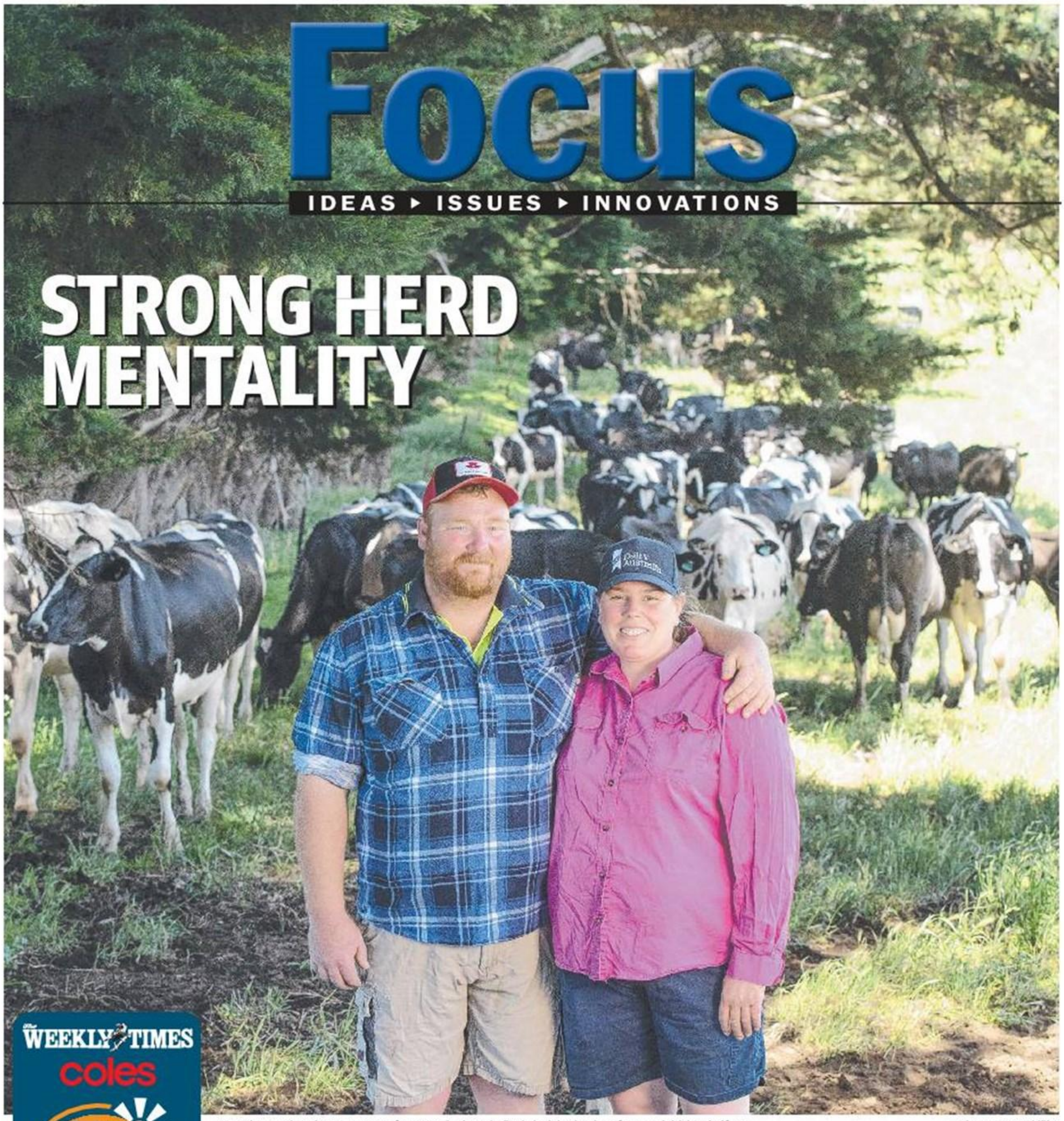
## WATER STORAGE

| Reservoir | Capacity (ML) | Current (ML) | % full | Vol change | Last year (ML) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **GOULBURN MURRAY WATER** | | | | | |
| Dartmouth | 3,856,232 | 3,770,725 | 98 | -2,071 | 3,844,864 |
| Hume | 3,005,157 | 2,587,263 | 95 | -21,205 | 2,960,142 |
| Mulwala | 117,500 | 114,732 | 98 | -2,597 | 113,003 |
| Reedy/Middle | 6,000 | 5,678 | 95 | 123 | 6,776 |
| Kangaroo Racecourse | 39,200 | 36,877 | 94 | 2,682 | 38,191 |
| Kow Swamp | 51,710 | 48,155 | 93 | -1,903 | 40,951 |
| Buffalo | 23,340 | 23,359 | 100 | -61 | 18,752 |
| William Hovell | 13,690 | 13,605 | 99 | -182 | 13,807 |
| Nillahcootie | 40,400 | 40,169 | 99 | 266 | 40,267 |
| Eildon | 3,334,158 | 3,265,073 | 98 | -7,340 | 3,323,028 |
| Waranga Basin | 432,360 | 405,942 | 94 | 16,237 | 405,072 |
| Eppalock | 304,650 | 275,540 | 90 | 1,660 | 303,842 |
| Cairn Curran | 147,130 | 127,785 | 87 | 2,035 | 146,104 |
| Tullaroop | 72,950 | 69,851 | 96 | -79 | 73,166 |
| Laanecoorie | 8,000 | 7,610 | 95 | 4,474 | 6,530 |
| Newlyn | 3,012 | 2,713 | 90 | -24 | 3,011 |
| Hepburns | 2,457 | 2,099 | 85 | -4 | 2,435 |
| **TOTAL** | **11,375,556** | **10,797,176** | **95** | **-7,989** | **11,339,940** |
| **COLIBAN WATER** | | | | | |
| Lauriston | 19,790 | 18,300 | 92 | -20 | 18,870 |
| Malmsbury | 12,034 | 8,154 | 68 | -20 | 11,199 |
| Upper Coliban | 37,770 | 36,547 | 97 | 196 | 37,771 |
| **TOTAL** | **69,594** | **63,001** | **91** | **156** | **67,840** |

| Reservoir | Capacity (ML) | Current (ML) | % full | Vol change | Last year (ML) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **SOUTHERN RURAL WATER** | | | | | |
| Blue Rock | 198,280 | 198,531 | 100 | 268 | 199,673 |
| Glenmaggie | 177,640 | 165,722 | 93 | 4,478 | 162,857 |
| Melton | 14,364 | 14,315 | 100 | 224 | 14,278 |
| Merrimu | 32,516 | 30,336 | 93 | 2,120 | 30,527 |
| Pyles Creek | 22,125 | 22,140 | 100 | -40 | 21,968 |
| Rosslynne | 25,400 | 22,970 | 90 | 364 | 25,303 |
| **TOTAL** | **479,736** | **454,014** | **95** | **7,414** | **454,606** |
| **GWM WATER** | | | | | |
| Bellfield | 78,560 | 73,750 | 94 | 0 | 77,890 |
| Fyans | 18,460 | 16,490 | 89 | 0 | 13,260 |
| Lonsdale | 53,300 | 45,690 | 86 | 0 | 56,470 |
| Moora | 6,300 | 5,010 | 80 | 0 | 5,770 |
| Rocklands | 261,510 | 165,580 | 63 | 0 | 195,930 |
| Taylors | 27,060 | 23,190 | 86 | 0 | 26,280 |
| Toolondo | 46,215 | 31,050 | 67 | 0 | 21,010 |
| Wartook | 29,300 | 24,780 | 85 | 0 | 28,350 |
| **TOTAL** | **522,405** | **385,540** | **74** | **0** | **424,960** |
| **MELBOURNE WATER** | | | | | |
| Thomson | 1,068,000 | 1,057,756 | 99 | 1,234 | 1,071,939 |
| Overall total as of Monday January 01 | | | | | |
| **TOTAL** | **13,515,291** | **12,757,487** | **94** | **815** | **13,359,285** |

# STRONG HERD MENTALITY



Ben Olsen and Kaylee Bransgrove from Neerim have built their dairy herd up from an initial 16 heifers. Picture: Zoe Phillips



A scientific approach pays dividends, writes **MADELEINE STUCHBERY**

With an initial herd of just 16 heifer calves and only $8000 in their pocket, this farming couple from West Gippsland have boosted both the quality and the production of their enterprise in a few short years.

It's thanks to a discerning focus on herd testing and data gathering to make constant gains.

Kaylee Bransgrove and her partner Ben Olsen established their dairying enterprise at Neerim in 2019 across a leased farm which records a metre of rain on average per year.

At the time, the duo were splitting their time between getting their own operation up off the ground while juggling the responsibilities of share-farming and other employment off farm.

Now, the herd has blossomed to 150 cows milked off about 62ha of land, which are thoroughly assessed for genetic traits and productivity, while also testing for health traits and weaknesses in the herd that can be improved upon. An additional 117ha of leased land is used as part of the operation.

Kaylee, 40, grew up on a farm at nearby Neerim Junction, and wound up working on cattle stations in the north of Australia for about eight years.

Ben, 41, who grew up in town, left school at year 9 and has worked in the dairy industry ever since, with 28 years of knowledge and experience.

"A huge amount of our success is Ben's knowledge and experiences in the industry growing grass, and being able to read the land and seasons has put us in good stead for the future," Kaylee said.

It was in the midst of working and share farming that Ben and Kaylee hatched a plan.

"Ben said, 'we're going to get some calves and bucket rear these calves'. And he said in two years, we'll be milking somewhere," Kaylee said.

"Then this farm came up for lease and we took it on.

"We only had $8000 in our pocket, and the 16 heifer calves we'd started rearing the year before."

Milking cows across a share farm and their own leased country, Ben and Kaylee worked morning and night, seven days a week, to build their business.

"I'd come down, milk our cows, then go and milk on the share farm and do a bit of farm work, then come down and finish up," Kaylee said.

"The stress of not driving back and forth has been a godsend."

In the beginning, the couple bought old proven cows at the cheaper end of the scale.

This was the platform upon which Kaylee and Ben began to build their herd, making precise improvements along the way.

"We'll start registering the cows, and registering the herd," Ben said.

"That's a little thing for us to have, the registered herd, and to be known for having quality animals."

Sexed semen was used from the second year of operation onwards, with a focus on building quality traits in the herd and boosting production.

For the first six months of 2023-24 season, the 165-strong herd averaged 26.73 litres and 2.09kg milk solids daily.

"We'd like our cows to sit at 2.2kg on average. Anything over 2kg is good," Kaylee said.

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The Weekly Times Coles 2023 Farmer of the Year

The hunt is on for The Weekly Times Coles 2023 Farmer of the Year. Farmers who appear in The Weekly Times, Ag Journal and theweeklytimes.com.au are eligible to win one of six categories and, ultimately, be crowned Farmer of the Year. Category winners will win $5000 in cash, with the 2023 Farmer of the Year receiving a further $10,000. To nominate a farmer, and more details, visit theweeklytimes.com.au

# Big gains made in a short time

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"Eventually I'd like them to be doing 2.5-3kg, and will breed for that.

"Our aim was to have 700kg milk solid cows, which we've hit and we have since shifted to 800kg," Ben said. "We're very fortunate we were able to buy the cows we did."

## STRICT METRICS

A discerning eye and a strict guide of metrics at the saleyards helped the couple when establishing their herd.

"When we'd go to the saleyards we'd get the information and any cows under 4.2 for butterfat got scrubbed off," Kaylee said.

"We got the list, crossed out anything that didn't meet the parameters, and then went and looked at the cows.

"It made hitting some of those targets easy."

Calving is a split operation between autumn and spring, with heifers joined via AI for six weeks at a time.

Genetics are sourced via Semex, with Mitch Clark engaged to class cattle and draw up a breeding plan.

Genomic testing is undertaken on heifer calves, with this information then used to make informed business decisions throughout the year.

"Last year we were able to export cattle off the genomic traits," Kaylee said.

Looking at heat, immunity and production as key traits, the couple then work out which cattle to keep.

By genomic testing, Ben and Kaylee are able to constantly improve and strengthen the herd, and keep the 'tops' of the herd.

About 40 calves were sold last season based on genomic information.

"We sold our undesirable ones. If we can get rid of the bottom 10 to 20 per cent each year, we can strengthen our herd and have good producing cows."

Further measures that have been undertaken include blood testing their herd, which Ben estimates has yielded a 10 to 12 per cent boost in efficiency, after an initial test revealed a magnesium deficiency, along with low levels of phosphorus and calcium.

This was addressed by adding supplements to grain and feed in the bale.

The team now test the herd twice a year to better understand the dynamics at play in the health of their herd.

Other investments made on farm include installation of a generator, using sexed semen in their AI process, genomic testing and Semex breeding program, which saw an increase of 8 per cent in production in 2023.. And aiming to conclude milking by 7am in order to capitalise on cheaper off-peak power rates works to further streamline operations.

Sowing mixed species pastures and soil testing to improve growth has also been a boon. They engage Belinda Cunningham of Beltec to help determine pastures. They grow a flexible medium-term fodder crop with varieties that change depending on the time of year sown, such as legumes, brassica, and grasses.

## SUCCESS STRATEGY

Farming is a tough gig with cyclic successes and failures, but it's important to think broadly and adapt to changing circumstances, according to Kaylee.

As the recipient of a Don Campbell scholarship through the Gardiner Foundation, Kaylee has drawn on a new wealth of knowledge and experience after visiting a number of Tasmanian dairy operations.

That, coupled with the recent farm plan drawn up through Dairy Australia, has worked to provide a framework for Ben and Kaylee to base business and farming decisions in the coming years.

This includes a laser-like focus on the quality of their animals, along with financial goals culminating in the purchasing of their currently leased farm some time in the future.

**KAYLEE BRANSGROVE & BEN OLSEN**

**NEERIM**

**MILK** 150 cows

**THE** herd averages 26.73 litres and 2.09kg milk solids daily

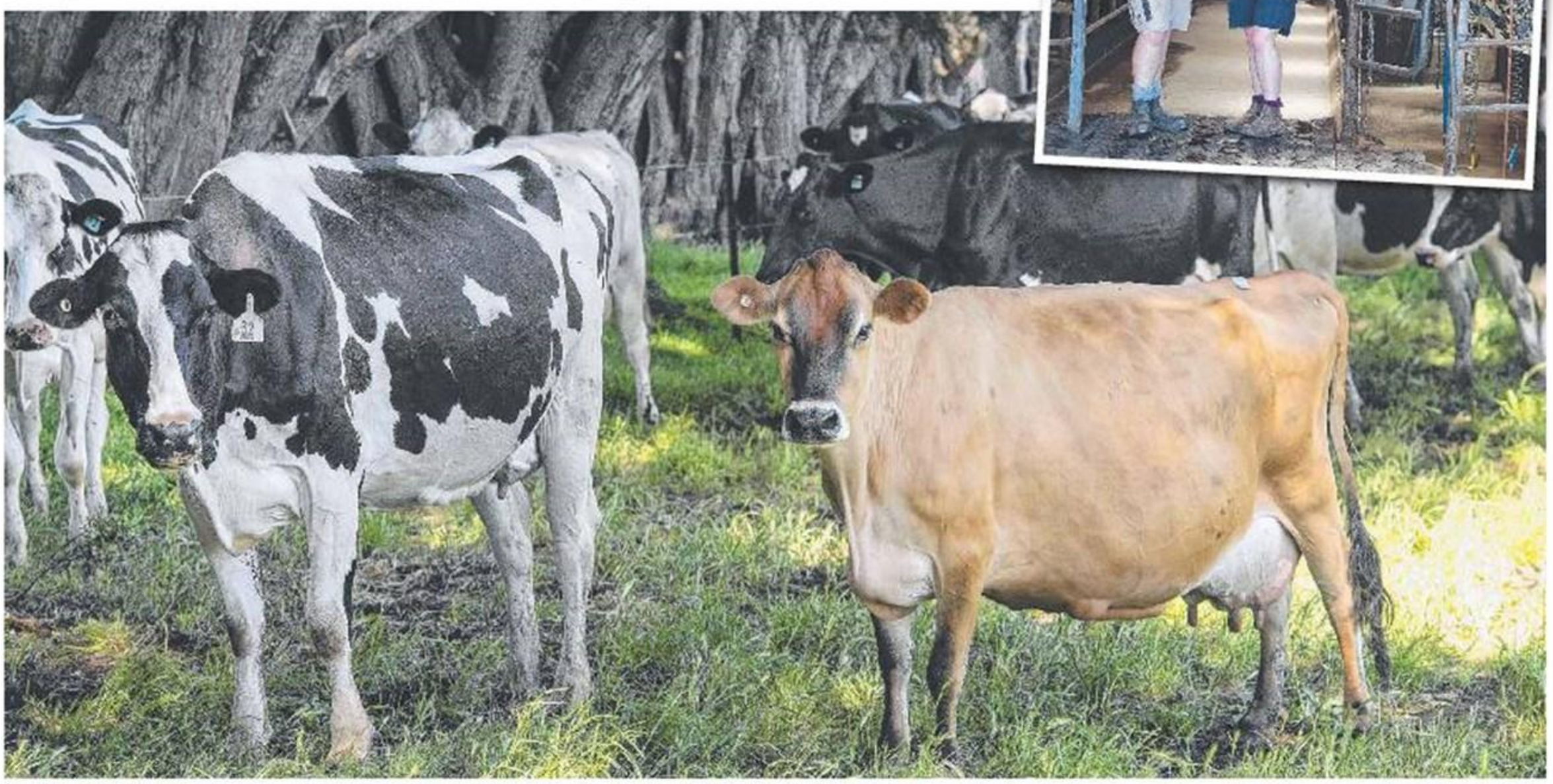
**GENOMIC** testing undertaken on heifer calves

**BLOOD** testing herd has resulted in 10-12 per cent efficiency increase

**'Then this farm came up for lease and we took it on. We only had $8000 in our pocket, and the 16 heifer calves we'd started rearing the year before'**

Kaylee Bransgrove with her dairy cattle; and, below, with partner Ben Olsen. Pictures: Zoe Phillips





Ben Olsen and Kaylee Bransgrove use genomic testing to constantly improve and strengthen their dairy cow herd.

Picture: Zoe Phillips

# More mice found in patches

NICOLA BELL

As harvest wraps up in southern areas, mouse activity is currently low to moderate.

While there were concerns for high mouse numbers prior to harvest, the latest CSIRO and Grains Research Development Corporation monitoring shows low to moderate mouse activity in parts of the north Adelaide Plains and in the Mallee and Wimmera.

CSIRO researcher and mouse expert Steve Henry said in Queensland and Western Australia numbers were low.

CSIRO researcher Steve Henry said mouse activity is low to moderate.

"They seem to have really focused on harvesting clean, so hopefully that makes a big difference on numbers over summer," Mr Henry said.

In South Australia, Mr Henry said there were patches where there were more mice "than you'd expect" but it currently wasn't a worry.

The monitoring showed mouse numbers were low to moderate on the Adelaide Plains and Yorke Peninsula, and generally low elsewhere.

"If conditions are favourable then it could be a problem when it comes to sowing," he said.

Across Victoria, Mr Henry said mice numbers were hugely variable, with low to moderate abundance on some sites in the Wimmera and Mallee, while other sites had no activity.

"What's different in the Wimmera is they had pretty severe weather early on in harvest, so it was harder to harvest and they were racing the weather, so there was potentially food left behind," he said.

Mr Henry said how much rain fell over summer and leftover grain from harvest would be determining factors in mice breeding into autumn.

"If it is hot and dry then mice won't flourish and breed, but frequent rain and humid weather has the potential to keep mice going."

He said farmers should keep an eye on stubbles and where there had been significant grain loss as places where mice would likely be.

"Growers should actively monitor for mouse activity and because of patchy activity between paddocks, they should monitor across multiple paddocks to gauge mouse numbers to inform management decisions."

Mr Henry said if baiting was warranted, then growers should wait until background food was as low as possible, then bait off the seeder at sowing time.

Monitoring will be next undertaken in February.

# Canola price won't hit highs

Impressive crops at Shelford, west of Geelong. Picture: Zoe Phillips

NICOLA BELL

Canola has been the shining light in grain markets for the past couple of years.

But forecasts suggest its dream run – for this market cycle – has come to an end.

While canola was trading above $1000 a tonne at times in the past couple of years, it was currently trading from $560 to $640 a tonne, delivered. Episode 3 analyst and director Andrew Whitelaw said it had been a "couple of pretty strong years" with a number of factors affecting the market.

"Canada had a massive drought, so they didn't produce as much canola, then the Ukraine war affected sunflowers, which can be substituted for canola, so the price was never going to be $1000 a tonne forever," Mr Whitelaw said.

"Historically $600 a tonne was a good price, and now prices are heading back in that direction. Markets cycle and they tend to follow a long-term average."

Although it was hard to predict what would happen, Mr Whitelaw said no huge risks stood out.

"The war in Ukraine is still evolving, so that could push prices up again and we have a world economy that is fairly precarious and if there is a reduction in demand for crude oil or energy then that could impact on canola. Putting a target price on it is hard, unless there is a major disaster we won't see $1000 a tonne in 2024, I think canola will sit around $550 to $700 a tonne."

The Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences' latest crop report, released in December, said canola production was forecast to fall 33 per cent to 5.5 million tonnes but remain well above the 10-year average on account of the area planted estimated to be the second highest on record. And canola production values are forecast to fall 44 per cent to $3.6bn in 2023-24, down from record levels in 2022-23 and 2021-22.

According to the ABARES report "this reflects an expected fall in canola prices coupled with a decrease in canola production".

# Grants aid grains research

Nikki Reynolds

WITH THE GRAIN

The Grains Research and Development Corporation has announced the recipients of grants to be invested in grains research, development and extension infrastructure in Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia. The grants are part of a $20m investment program to build Australia's long-term grains research capacity and support the enduring profitability of the nation's grain growers. Spanning analytical equipment and plant growth facilities at universities through to machinery and drones for grower groups, the grants are all geared to support innovation for grain growers. GRDC investment will support a shed, mobile heater trolleys and irrigation at the Free Air Temperature Extreme facility in Horsham, to support heat, frost, drought and climate change adaptation research. Birchip Cropping Group will receive a grant for new field research equipment including plot seeder, soil sampler, weather stations and drones, and lab cool room and equipment.

■ The Birchip Cropping Group's trial review day will be held on February 23 from 9am to 4pm. It will be held at the Birchip Community Leisure Centre and will provide important results from the 2023 research year for growers to apply to their businesses this year. The members only event will include discussions about the performance of wheat, barley, canola and pulse varieties and what the "best bets" are for the Mallee, Wimmera and North Central regions. Insect activity in harvest weed seed control systems will also be another topic discussed. To become a member or register, visit bcg.org.au.

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# Growers mull price signals

## HAY TALK

Commodity prices are often cyclic and experienced hay growers have seen plenty of evidence of this.

So as another production year dawns, where are hay prices in the cycle of boom and bust?

Broadacre grain growers have the capability of growing large volumes of hay as a cash crop and will be attracted to grow oaten hay if returns are comparable to grain alternatives.

To determine where we are in the hay market cycle, a ratio of cereal hay to APW wheat prices can be assessed.

A 10-year series of these price ratios exposes a pattern of boom and bust prices that hay growers need to navigate.

From 2013 to the spring of 2016 wheat prices were following the downward trend of international values.

However, the 2014 growing season was dry in Victoria as was the El Nino growing season of 2015. While Victorian grain prices were not greatly impacted, hay prices were.

Early in the spring of 2016, oaten hay prices touched $405 a tonne delivered to the Goulburn Valley creating a hay price peak equating to 110 per cent of the APW wheat price.

The high hay to grain price ratio created an expanded area of hay in 2016.

When this combined with record high yields and a surplus of pasture hay down the east coast of Australia, a glut of hay developed in 2016.

Growers will be attracted to growing oaten hay if returns are comparable.

Those new to hay, without an effective domestic marketing network, found selling hay tough and many stored hay for more than two years.

By the spring of 2017 hay prices had plummeted to a low of $120 a tonne or 42 per cent of the value of APW.

From that point an east coast drought hit. Even though grain prices lifted in response and there were generous carry over hay stocks, a shortage of hay had prices rise faster peaking at 140 per cent of APW wheat in August 2019.

During 2018, the seemingly bottomless demand from the drought-struck north had grain growers in Victoria and the Riverina cut many grain crops for hay.

The area of hay cut in 2018 remains a record, 50 per cent higher than the average.

Many cereal hay growers sold their 2018 hay into the peak of the demand and some continued to grow hay again in 2019.

By the end of 2019, many northern livestock producers were weary of feeding their stock and when the drought breaking rain began in February of 2020, hay prices relative to grain began to fall once more.

Despite big summer rain in the north, strong export demand has pushed this hay to wheat price ratio to 80 per cent, a favourable level compared to the median of 70 per cent.

Exporters have carved out a higher market share in the major markets and they can now re-register for China.

Hay production has not kept pace with the expanded export capacity and growers will be considering the price signals this year.

**—COLIN PEACE**

## CEREALS AND CANOLA

**Price guide ($A/tonne)** **Week ended January 1, 2024**

| GST exclusive prices | Wheat | | | | Barley | | | Oats | | Canola | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | H2 | APW | ASW | AGP | Malt 1-LA1 | Spartacus (SP1) | Barley 1 | Milling | Feed | Non GM | GM |
| **VICTORIA** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Melbourne | 425 | 400 | 375 | 372 | 370 | 360 | 355 | 477 | 370 | 635 | 615 |
| Geelong | NA | 390 | 360 | 355 | 365 | NA | 345 | NA | NA | 631 | 625 |
| Portland | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Ouyen | 349 | 327 | 293 | 292 | 287 | 275 | 275 | 391 | 284 | 582 | 552 |
| Beulah | 355 | 335 | 303 | 296 | 286 | 283 | 278 | 400 | 293 | 583 | 553 |
| Murtoa | 360 | 340 | 313 | 310 | 293 | 298 | 293 | 415 | 308 | 588 | 558 |
| Ultima | 356 | 334 | 303 | 300 | 294 | 288 | 283 | 405 | 298 | 589 | 559 |
| Charlton | 365 | 343 | 322 | 319 | 303 | 307 | 302 | 424 | 317 | 598 | 568 |
| Dunolly | 370 | 348 | 333 | 330 | 313 | 318 | 313 | 435 | 328 | 603 | 573 |
| Hamilton | 373 | 353 | 321 | 309 | 304 | 297 | 292 | 414 | 307 | 601 | 571 |
| Westmere | 374 | 352 | 328 | 325 | 312 | 313 | 308 | 430 | 323 | 607 | 577 |
| Elmore | 371 | 349 | 336 | 333 | 316 | 321 | 316 | 438 | 331 | 604 | 574 |
| Murchison | 372 | 350 | 338 | 335 | 318 | 323 | 318 | 440 | 333 | 605 | 575 |
| Yarrawonga | 362 | 340 | 311 | 308 | 300 | 296 | 291 | 423 | 306 | 595 | 565 |
| Wycheproof | 363 | 341 | 317 | 314 | 301 | 302 | 297 | 419 | 312 | 596 | 566 |
| Tiafalgar | 402 | 385 | 385 | 382 | 365 | 365 | 365 | 487 | 380 | 658 | 628 |
| **SOUTH AUSTRALIA** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Adelaide | 395 | 390 | 378 | 365 | 366 | 366 | 340 | 425 | 320 | 620 | NA |
| Tailem Bend | 362 | 362 | 362 | 349 | 334 | 334 | 324 | 417 | 304 | 604 | 574 |
| Loxton | 349 | 339 | 336 | 323 | 322 | 322 | 298 | 413 | 278 | 592 | 562 |
| Pinnaroo | 347 | 337 | 337 | 324 | 320 | 320 | 299 | 425 | 279 | 590 | 560 |
| Millicent | 350 | 344 | 344 | 331 | 323 | 323 | 306 | 414 | 286 | 593 | 563 |
| **NSW** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Port Kembla | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Narrandera | 353 | 328 | 305 | 288 | 302 | 291 | 283 | 406 | 305 | 575 | 560 |
| Lockhart | 356 | 324 | 308 | 292 | 289 | 297 | 289 | 410 | 305 | 575 | 560 |
| Oaklands | 347 | 315 | 307 | 304 | 296 | 304 | 296 | 422 | 315 | 583 | 568 |
| Henty West | 355 | 323 | 307 | 295 | 292 | 300 | 292 | 406 | 305 | 578 | 560 |
| Rand | 352 | 320 | 305 | 302 | 293 | 301 | 293 | 415 | 308 | 579 | 560 |

Note: Cash prices are for 2023-24 season and based on the higher of capital city, port or upcountry price, less freight and compulsory charges. Quality payments for protein, screenings and moisture may apply. Canola and barley prices are for product declared ISCC Sustainable. All wheat, barley, oats and triticale grades are per Grain Trade Australia standards. Canola price is quoted at the base price for 42% oil.

## HAY

**Price guide ($A/tonne delivered)** **Week ended January 1, 2024**

| GST exclusive prices | Lucerne small bales Grade 1 (i) | Lucerne large bales (ii) | Pasture large bales (iii) | Cereal large bales (iv) | Vetch large bales (v) | Straw large bales (vi) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **VICTORIA** | | | | | | |
| Swan Hill | 595 | 405 | 275 | 305 | 365 | 130 |
| Elmore | 595 | 405 | 265 | 305 | 365 | 130 |
| Horsham | 625 | 385 | 255 | 305 | 350 | 130 |
| Hamilton | 615 | 395 | 230 | 290 | 350 | 120 |
| Ballarat | 605 | 385 | 240 | 290 | 350 | 120 |
| Colac | 605 | 425 | 245 | 335 | 370 | 155 |
| Koroit | 605 | 415 | 240 | 335 | 370 | 155 |
| Shepparton | 635 | 415 | 285 | 310 | 390 | 140 |
| Wangaratta | 635 | 415 | 285 | 315 | 390 | 145 |
| Warragul | 655 | 460 | 285 | 340 | 415 | 175 |
| Sale | 725 | 465 | 285 | 345 | 425 | 185 |
| Melb (retail) | 875 | 735 | 530 | NA | NA | 435 |
| **NSW** | | | | | | |
| Albury | 650 | 430 | 275 | 330 | 380 | 145 |
| Wagga Wagga | 630 | 430 | 275 | 350 | 385 | 145 |
| Finley | 630 | 425 | 270 | 330 | 375 | 135 |
| Forbes | 660 | 430 | 310 | 350 | 415 | 150 |
| Bega | 715 | 535 | 410 | 420 | 455 | 245 |
| **SOUTH AUSTRALIA** | | | | | | |
| Mt Gambier | 525 | 375 | 280 | 345 | 375 | 130 |
| Naracoorte | 510 | 355 | 270 | 320 | 350 | 115 |
| Loxton | 530 | 355 | 265 | 305 | 340 | 115 |
| Murray Bridge | 525 | 370 | 280 | 310 | 355 | 115 |

Hay: Prices reflect quality traded each season typically: (i) 90% lucerne content, balance grasses, 35-45% leaf proportion by weight, green colour, fresh smell. Based on 40 bales a tonne. (ii) 70% lucerne content, balance grasses, 25-35% leaf proportion by weight, balance grasses and other species, bleached colour, good smell. (iii) 50% improved grasses, 50% clover, green colour, fresh smell. (iv) 85-100% cereal content, cut at milky dough stage, bright, fresh smell. (v) Cut with less than 10% of plants with pods and seeds, some sun or rain bleaching. (vi) Bright, dry, allow $8-10 tonne less for lower grade (composting and bedding use). Note: Paddock price approx. $12-15 a tonne below shed price. Prices are delivered destination and exclusive of GST.

## PULSES

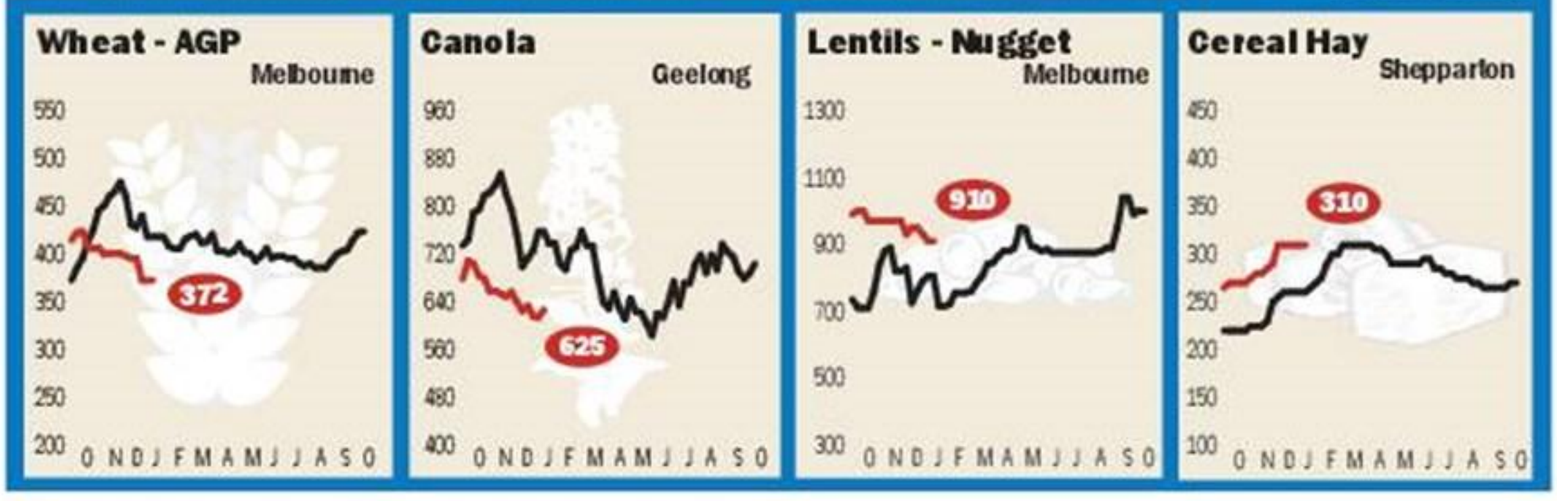
**Price guide ($A/tonne)**

| GST-exclusive prices | Lupins | Field peas | Chick peas (desi) | Chick peas (kabuli) | Lentils (nugget) | Faba beans |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **VICTORIA** | | | | | | |
| Melbourne | 485 | 540 | 890 | 1075 | 910 | 495 |
| Geelong | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Portland | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Piangil | 403 | 468 | 818 | 1008 | 828 | 428 |
| Beulah | 401 | 492 | 842 | 1032 | 826 | 452 |
| Nhill | 405 | 496 | 846 | 1036 | 830 | 456 |
| Charlton | 428 | 485 | 835 | 1025 | 853 | 445 |
| Murtoa | 419 | 510 | 860 | 1050 | 844 | 470 |
| Elmore | 442 | 497 | 847 | 1032 | 867 | 452 |
| Hamilton | 416 | 486 | 836 | 1026 | 841 | 446 |
| Murchison East | 445 | 500 | 850 | 1035 | 870 | 455 |
| Yarrawonga | 416 | 515 | 821 | 1006 | 841 | 426 |
| **NSW** | | | | | | |
| Port Kembla | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Grong Grong | 399 | 476 | 804 | 1006 | 824 | 409 |
| Wagga Wagga | 389 | 468 | 794 | 979 | 814 | 430 |
| Oaklands | 427 | 517 | 830 | 1026 | 850 | 435 |
| Henty | 421 | 511 | 818 | 1007 | 838 | 423 |
| **SOUTH AUSTRALIA** | | | | | | |
| Port Adelaide | 450 | 500 | 830 | 1050 | 895 | 485 |
| Murray Bridge | 423 | 473 | 803 | 998 | 868 | 458 |
| Bordertown | 417 | 481 | 831 | 1021 | 862 | 452 |
| Millicent | 431 | 481 | 820 | 1010 | 876 | 466 |

Pulses: Quality per Pulse Australia standards. No.1 Grade minimum receivals standard farmer dressed.

## Grain Indicators (dollars/tonne) Week ending December 29

2022-23 season
2023-24 season




# Pockets of delay but eventful season now drawing to close

## GRAIN TALK

Pockets of harvest in south-west Victoria have been delayed following some summer rain but the highly eventful 2023-24 production season is drawing to a close.

With ample soil moisture in the tank and April rainfall 50 per cent above the average, most croppers were impressed with the start which had been flagged as being drier later in the season with an El Nino watch pattern issued in March.

A particularly dry May and a wet decile 10 rainfall during June created a split between early and late sown crops.

This rain boosted orders for prompt delivery of urea that far exceeded supplies.

Many growers restricted their top-dressing to higher priority crops such as canola and wheat rather than barley and hay crops.

According to growers, the early sown crops were more capable of managing the cold and dry months of July and August when growth was slow for the later crops.

Grain harvesting is largely finished. Picture: Zoe Phillips

In the first week of August the prohibitive Chinese tariffs were removed and old crop BARI barley prices jumped $25 a tonne as exporters began accumulating new shipments.

Although the subsoil moisture from 2022 was evident in the Agriculture Victoria probe network, optimism in yields took a beating in late winter. The three months to the end of September were in the driest 10 per cent of historical records in south-eastern Australia.

Wimmera and Mallee crops also missed the bulk of the October falls which were decile eight to nine in North East Victoria and the central and western Riverina.

In mid-October the Grain Industry Association of Victoria crop tour estimated the state average wheat yield to be 3.95 tonnes a hectare, slightly up on the record 2022 estimate and 4.25 tonnes a hectare for barley, 20 per cent down from 2022. Decile eight to nine rainfall fell in November causing some loss of test weight in cereals. Fortunately, they were exceptionally high as harvest began and few crops suffered downgrading. High yields and lower available nitrogen meant ASW grade wheat hit an estimated 60 to 70 per cent of receivals, more than double the normal 30 to 35 per cent.

The volume of ASW and a rush of selling prior to rain combined with analysts increasing the state's wheat production estimates 25 per cent to create a $25 a tonne fall in ASW wheat during December.

According to brokers, growers are warehousing an unusually high proportion of ASW wheat this season.

**—COLIN PEACE**

# Feed conference focus on scaling up

**ALEX SINNOTT**

Latest research covering feedpads and intensive farming will be covered in a three-day conference next month.

Some of the world's leading experts in the design and management of dairy feeding and housing infrastructure are heading to NSW for Raising the Roof 2024.

Presented by Dairy Australia and Agriculture Victoria, the event will run from February 27-29 in the Hunter Valley.

Dairy Australia national farm systems leader Karen Romano said feedpads and similar infrastructure were often multimillion-dollar investments.

"The panel in February will feature international experts, who have a strong understanding of how this sort of infrastructure has been successfully built and managed in Europe and America," Ms Romano said.

"Millions of dollars are usually invested in feedpads and herd housing, so this conference is about providing farmers with the information they need, because Australia is relatively new to (large-scale feedpads)."

As part of the conference, Michael Heinrich from GEA Farm Technologies will present on designing automatic milking systems in contained housing.

Alain Houle from the Valmetal Group in the United States will talk on reducing emissions and renewable energy solutions.

The topic of "making housing systems an animal-centred environment" will be covered by American experts Mike Wolf of VES-Artex and Karl Burgi from SaveCows.

Ms Romano said Australian experts will also take part in the conference including Professor Ian Lean (Scibus), Dr Steve Little (Capacity Ag Consulting), Scott McDonald (Agriculture Victoria), Professor Richard Eckard (University of Melbourne), Clare Fitzpatrick (Progressive Rural Solutions), Tony Anderson (Rural Bank), Claire Waterman (Agriculture Victoria), Sheena Carter (NSW Department of Primary Industries) and Brian Crockart (Agribusiness Solutions).

Dairy Australia feed systems leader Karen Romano.

The conference will be held at Rydges Resort Hunter Valley. More information can be found on the Dairy Australia website.

Some cafes are now no longer stocking skim milk alternatives with a consumer swing away from low-fat options in Australia.

**BOUNCE BACK FOR FULL FAT**

**How Australian milk habits have changed in the past decade**

| | Regular | Reduced | No fat | Flavoured | UHT | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2013/14 (r) | 1,192 | 688 | 93 | 241 | 250 | 2,464 |
| 2014/15 (r) | 1,244 | 656 | 88 | 241 | 257 | 2,486 |
| 2015/16 (r) | 1,311 | 615 | 80 | 246 | 266 | 2,518 |
| 2016/17 (r) | 1,362 | 563 | 71 | 246 | 256 | 2,498 |
| 2017/18 (r) | 1,398 | 536 | 64 | 242 | 251 | 2,491 |
| 2018/19 (r) | 1,408 | 518 | 60 | 233 | 248 | 2,467 |
| 2019/20 (r) | 1,396 | 512 | 69 | 227 | 256 | 2,460 |
| 2020/21 (r) | 1,368 | 497 | 63 | 234 | 259 | 2,421 |
| 2021/22 (r) | 1,340 | 485 | 61 | 232 | 276 | 2,394 |
| 2022/23 (p) | 1,348 | 465 | 60 | 235 | 265 | 2,373 |

(Dairy Australia estimates that this collection covers over 95% of milk sales)
Source. Milk processors and state milk authorities

# Fat is back in fashion

**ALEX SINNOTT**

Australians are buying millions more litres of full-fat milk than they were a decade ago, with a consumer swing away from skim options.

Dairy Australia statistics confirmed 1348 million litres of regular milk was purchased nationwide in the 2022-23 financial year, up 15 per cent from 1171 million litres in the 2012-13 reporting period.

Sales of reduced fat and no fat milk fell precipitously over the same period, with some cafes now not stocking skim milk alternatives.

Reduced fat milk sales have declined during the past decade by more than 32 per cent, from 689 million litres in 2012-13 to 465 million litres in 2022-23.

Similarly, no fat milk sales dropped during the same period by 40 per cent, from 100 million litres in 2012-13 to 60 million litres in 2022-23.

Dairy Farmers Victoria president Mark Billing said there was growing understanding from the general public about the nutritional value of drinking milk.

"There used to be this misconception that full-fat milk was fattening, even in the small amounts that most people consume it. That's really changed in the past few years as more information gets out there about the nutritional benefits of milk.

"The same thing happened with the shift away from margarine towards butter."

Dairy Australia has monitored the reasons behind dairy avoidance or reduced consumption since 2009. Fifteen years ago, 50 per cent of respondents said they tried to avoid dairy because they were "watching their weight".

"There was a perception then that somehow dairy was fattening, with 50 per cent of those surveyed saying that's why they reduced their dairy intake," Dairy Australia marketing strategy manager Glenys Zucco said. That view persisted in a 2011 survey with a top response of 35 per cent of those surveyed saying they avoided dairy "to reduce saturated fat intake".

"In recent surveys, there's been a trend away from perceiving dairy as somehow fattening. Now there's a range of misconceptions that feed into dairy avoidance," Ms Zucco said.

Australia's milk consumption overall has been relatively stable in the past decade with 2443 million litres consumed in 2012-13 compared to 2373 million litres last financial year.

The slight decline in liquid milk consumption in Australia compares favourably for the industry compared to the decline experienced in most other western countries.

According to the US Department of Agriculture, the average American consumed 170 litres per person in 1945 but only 87 litres in 2001 and 60 litres in 2021.

Alex Sinnott

DAIRY TALK

# Dairy in sale, trade growth

Tasmanian brands Betta Milk and Meander Valley Dairy have been officially purchased by Bega Foods following a 2023 deal. Both brands were previously owned by TasFoods but were bought for $11m last year by Bega, with the flip of the calendar into 2024 sealing the deal.

The acquisition also allows Bega a perpetual, royalty-free licence to use the Pyengana Dairy brand for milk and cream products in Australia. Bega Group chief executive Pete Findlay said the acquisition cemented Bega's reputation as a consolidator of Australian brands. "Betta Milk has been a household name in Tasmania for over 65 years, and under Aussie ownership will continue to be a much-loved brand within Tassie homes for many years to come," Mr Findlay said. TasFoods chief executive Scott Hadley previously said the Bega acquisition would allow the company to focus and grow its poultry division.

■A breeding program for Australian Reds has been secured with Genetics Australia taking on marketing and distribution of the Auzred XB genetics portfolio. From this week, GA will assume ownership and management of the Auzred portfolio which is made up of six main active sires. GA chief executive Anthony Shelly said the acquisition was a strategic decision to expand the breed and pursue export opportunities. "It also ensures that Genetics Australia is the largest and most complete supplier of Australian Reds to farmers," Mr Shelly said.

Co-owners of Auzred XB, Karen Moroney and Steve Snowdon, said they were excited to complete the transaction. Ms Moroney, whose father Bill Thompson introduced Red genetics in Australia, said she was excited about the future of the breed. "This is like closing the loop because GA purchased Wacol AB in 1994, recognising the creation of this new breed and what it could add to the dairying landscape in Australia," she said.

■All dairy produced in New Zealand can now enter China duty-free, marking the removal of all remaining tariffs between Wellington and Beijing. New Zealand was the first developed country to sign a free-trade agreement with China in 2008, with the imports of milk powder subjected to the longest phase-out. An upgraded trade deal was entered when former NZ Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern met Chinese President Xi Jinping in 2022. NZ Trade Minister Todd McClay said China was New Zealand's largest trading partner, with two-way trade exceeding NZ$37 billion in 2021. "This is good news for our dairy sector. The removal of these remaining tariffs is expected to deliver additional annual tariff savings of approximately NZ$350 million," he said.

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# Holiday gamble pays off

The best prices at last week's store sale at Mortlake were for first calving cows and calves. Picture: Yuri Kouzmin

**MORTLAKE**

Prices hit $2700 as agents chanced their luck by running a store cattle sale between Christmas and New Year at Mortlake in Victoria's Western District last week.

And while not all the almost 2200 Friesian-cross females offered made as much as hoped, they sold to a wide buying spread from NSW, across Victoria and into South Australia.

Elders Warrnambool agent David Patterson said the best results were achieved for young cows with their first calves, with competition described as impressive.

Big runs of cattle in decent pen sizes of 10 or more attracted the most competition.

"We hit the $2700 mark for the tops and there were a couple of advertised runs that made $2650. One vendor who had 80 heifer and calf units averaged $2400 so competition for runs was there," he said.

The sale's best price was paid for a pen of Angus-Friesian first calving cows, 2½ years, with Limousin calves which were six to eight weeks old.

Once off the bigger pen sizes, and into secondary lines, prices for the two-in-one units made $1500 to $1800.

There was not the same competition for the pregnant F1 heifers, which made up the bulk of the offering.

These topped at $2100 for a pen of Angus-Friesian heifers which were due to calve in February-March and while not weighed, were estimated to be close to 700kg liveweight.

About 90 per cent of the F1 joined females had been put to a Limousin bull, with better quality and heavier pens selling from $1600 to $1800, and slipping back to $1300-$1600 for secondary drafts.

Where the surprise in the market came was for the unjoined F1 heifers, and it was not the top weights that gained the extra competition.

F1 unjoined heifers with weight topped at $1220 for a pen estimated to weigh more than 500kg liveweight, but Mr Patterson said there was plenty of competition for young breeders weighing 220-240kg.

"I expect that these were restockers who were looking for something lighter so they can put them away and maybe join them in May," he said.

"There are a lot of areas that have seen rain and are prepared to pay that $600-$800 to put them out on grass."

He estimated many of these younger, lighter F1 unjoined heifers made between 190c/kg and 220c/kg, with isolated sales running out to 230c/kg.

The Mortlake F1 sale sells vealer breeding females which in the past may have been offered at Warrnambool or Camperdown. Buyers came from northern Victoria, the Riverina, South Australia's South East, Gippsland, Portland and local areas, while a commission buyer was believed to be sourcing numbers for further north in NSW.

— FIONA MYERS


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Local buyers dominated at the special store sale at the Casterton saleyards. Picture: Zoe Phillips

# 'Solid demand' for young ewes

**CASTERTON**

Prices for young ewes reached $184 at the last special store sheep sale in Victoria for 2023, held at the Casterton saleyards in the Western District last Thursday.

The 3500 sheep offering was all maiden ewes this year, marking a change to past events when the yarding had been a mix of old mutton and breeding ewes.

Selling agents Nutrien described the sale as having a solid level of demand which kept prices slightly higher than anticipated.

"Prices were $15 to $20 better than expectations leading into the sale, and while I wouldn't say bidding was hectic everyone seemed to have $140 to $160 to spend on ewes with the top lots up around $180," Rick Smith from Nutrien Casterton said.

Nearly all the ewes were autumn and winter 2022-drop, off-shears and unjoined, and were either first-cross or composite types.

The top price of $184 went to A and M Harrison of Carravista, with their line of 322 young first-cross ewes selling from $144 to $184 and averaging $162.

Despite talk of composite ewes falling out of favour with some producers, agents said they were also solid at Casterton with these type of sheep having the best following in the wetter areas of the south.

Local property Matlock sold 310 composite ewes from $148 to a top of $180 to average $161. Only a few bids behind was vendor JS and EM Staude with 163 composite ewes for $174. Tandara sold 390 composite ewes from $110 to $172 to average $143.

Back on the crossbreds and the Gartlan family, Elmvale, sold 405 ewes to a top of $162 and an average of $145.

Mr Smith said there were third draft young ewes which were purchased between $100 to $130.

Local buyers dominated.

— JENNY KELLY

## Wodonga offers quality

Buyers flocked to Wodonga for the opening day of calf sales for 2024. Many northern buyers were competing for the top quality cattle.

Left, Jimmy Snow, 9, from Woomargama, was checking out the cattle at Wodonga, and, above, buyers line the rails to compete for the 5200 cattle on offer. Pictures: Yuri Kouzmin

Meg Peterkin, from Tallangatta, sold weaners at Wodonga, and, right, Alistair McKenzie-McHarg and his son Liam, 18 months old, from Bullioh, sold 40 steers on the first day of sales.

# Cattle market finds its level

There was plenty of action to catch buyers' attention at the Angus feature weaner sale at Wodonga on Tuesday. Picture Yuri Kouzmin

### TOP LOTS

**EU-ACCREDITED ANGUS STEER WEANERS**

*Woolshed Creek Pastoral:* 27 Angus, 392kg, $1250 (319c/kg); 18, 321kg at $1070 (337c/kg).

*Cold Springs Pastoral:* 51 Angus, 378kg, $1200 (317c/kg); 25, 328kg at $1140 (348c/kg).

*B&B Campbell:* 35 Angus, 379kg, $1185 (313c/kg); 56, 335kg at $1120 (334c/kg); 14, 289kg at $1010 (349c/kg).

*Quilter Nominees:* 25 Angus, 342kg, $1180 (345c/kg); 26, 336kg at 1180 (351c/kg); 25, 331kg at $1120 (338c/kg); 35, 287kg at $1090 (376c/kg).

*Otto and Findlay:* 37 Angus, 357kg, $1170 (328c/kg); 20, 316kg at $1000 (316c/kg); 12, 270kg at $840 (311c/kg).

*The Cascade:* 32 Angus, 308kg, $1160 (377c/kg); 26, 271kg at $940 (347c/kg).

**ANGUS STEER WEANERS**

*J&J Maddock:* 23 Angus, 390kg, $1255 (322c/kg).

*Estate GL Peterkin:* 30 Angus, 389kg, $1255 (323c/kg).

*G&D Macaulay:* 46 Angus, 386kg, $1250 (322c/kg).

*P&C Klippel:* 40 Angus, 383kg, $1230 (321c/kg).

*Jarvis Pastoral:* 43 Angus, 359kg, $1210 (337c/kg).

*Eurella Pastoral:* 20 Angus, 374kg, $1200 (321c/kg).

*D&E Nankervis:* 20 Angus, 356kg, $1200 (337c/kg).

*Mayfield Pastoral:* 61 Angus, 349kg, $1190 (341c/kg).

Angus steers hit 377c/kg in the first weaner sale of this year at Wodonga, as the annual run of calf sales kicked off on Tuesday with a yarding of 5200.

Results from the steer portion showed about one third of the cattle were heading north and some as far away as southern Queensland.

**WODONGA**

And while there was the northern competition that all were hoping for, buyers bid in a tight range of 310-350c/kg liveweight to secure most lines.

RMA network chief executive Chris Howie said the cattle market had been trying to find a level before Christmas, and it had done so now.

"Everyone is buying to a limit, and it is pretty solid in the 310-350c/kg price range," Mr Howie said.

He estimated 30 per cent of the cattle were heading north, to NSW centres like Tamworth, Narrabri and Bathurst, as well as competition from Gundagai.

Corcoran Parker auctioneer Justin Keane said prices "did not look dear" for the quality of annual drafts being offered at the sale. "I don't think we can reasonably expect cattle to be making more, and they are making around about the rates we saw pre-Christmas, though we are not comparing apples with apples when it comes to quality," Mr Keane said.

The sale's best price for steers on a cents-a-kilogram basis was for a pen from Michael McCormack and Ruth Hill, from The Cascade Pastoral Company at Tallangatta, with their pen of EU-accredited Angus steers, 308kg, making $1160 or 377c/kg. The second pen, weighing 271kg, made $940, or 347c/kg.

A handful of pens made $1200 or more, including the first pen to be offered from Woolshed Creek Pastoral, with their weaned steers, 392kg, making $1250 returning 319c/kg.

The lighter pen, at 321kg, made $1070, or 337c/kg.

— FIONA MYERS

# Mutton's big discount

FIONA MYERS

The biggest price gap ever between mutton and lamb emerged late last year in some states, as similar weights in each category sold at a $120 difference.

While mutton always sells at a discount to lamb, the level of that discount peaked at a record high at one point in 2023, according to Meat and Livestock Australia.

MLA senior market information analyst Erin Lukey said the national mutton indicator and the national trade lamb indicator reached a disparity of 484c/kg carcass weight, the second largest nominal price difference on current records.

"Saleyards are showing a trade lamb to mutton difference of over 70 per cent most weeks since September 2023," Ms Lukey said.

The situation was worst in Western Australia.

"Mutton prices in Western Australia remain below national indicator prices, with never-before-seen discounts of over 85 per cent to trade lamb," she said.

In the final four weeks of trading in Western Australia, the price difference between trade lamb and mutton ranged from 85 to 86 per cent, largely due to the huge discount for mutton, which was selling well below 100c/kg.

Ms Lukey said the national flock, the biggest since 2007, had flowed on to big yardings.

"This record flock size, combined with announcements of a poor seasonal outlook in 2024 has resulted in record yardings through saleyards in 2023," Ms Lukey said.

"This has caused the sheep and lamb market to ease significantly over the year.

"Weekly mutton prices eased 76 per cent from their 2023 peak at 439c/kg carcass weight in May, to 104c/kg in October."

The biggest gap between trade lamb and mutton prices in rates recorded by the National Livestock Reporting Service was in January 2023, when the difference was 493c/kg carcass weight.

"With the average carcass weight at 24.7kg, that week's prices equated to a $120 difference in per-head terms."

Ms Lukey said at the end of year's trade, the mutton indicator was 76 per cent below the trade lamb indicator.

"This is not a record figure, though, and it has been a trend over the past three months," she said.

"Since mid-September, the price difference has sat between 63 and 78 per cent.

"When looking back to 2000, successive weeks of a difference greater than 70 per cent has only occurred twice before."

In 2006, there was a 14-week period where the price difference between mutton and lamb ranged between 73 and 84 per cent, and Ms Lukey said this was caused by high supply, and low rainfall across the east coast.

# Moves afoot in breeding

FIONA MYERS

A project that aims to develop breeding values to avoid foot issues in sheep is calling for nominations of sheep.

Ram breeders have until mid-January to volunteer sheep to be part of the program, and while it is counterintuitive to put rams at risk of footrot, it's exactly what is needed to further the industry, according to those involved.

SheepMetrix director Sally Martin said the project would investigate the genetic variation in foot conditions to inform the Merino industry on appropriate selection strategies. "The health of sheep feet is a significant issue in the Australian sheep industry, especially Merinos in high rainfall zones and in wet years," Ms Martin said.

Footrot is one of the key challenges and susceptibility has been shown to be heritable.

In New Zealand, a breeding value has been developed for footrot and found to reduce the chances of sheep getting the condition.

A project funded by Animal Health Australia showed there was a similar genetic variation in the chances of sheep getting footrot in the Australian flock.

While it is possible in New Zealand to still sell rams if there is footrot on their property, this is not the case in Australia.

That's why the project will be run at research sites where stud breeders can expose their rams to the challenge of footrot and see how their genetics stack up, without having to expose their rams to footrot at home.

"There's great potential to improve productivity and welfare outcomes of sheep farming in Australia's medium to high rainfall zones by reducing the susceptibility of sheep to foot ailments," Ms Martin said.

The project will run for three years and those wanting to take part must have a full pedigree on the sheep and be using Sheep Genetics or be willing to submit their data to Sheep Genetics.

# Ned's working holiday start of a passion

FIONA MYERS

The northern NSW centre of Tamworth might be best known as the country music capital of Australia but it's cattle and not guitars that will gather there in mid-January.

Almost 170 Angus youth members are heading to the town for this year's roundup in a breed event that encourages young people to be involved in the cattle world.

For Holbrook, NSW, participant Ned Dodds, the Angus roundup will be his first cattle camp.

Ned, 12, found a love of cattle and showing last year when he attended the Royal Melbourne Show with Billabong High School.

"Once I walked into the ring, I really loved it and wanted to do more showing and be around cattle," he said.

With the backing of his parents, he's now bought his own heifer, Nabiac Wilcoola Weenie, with the team to make the big trip to Tamworth together.

He's using the 13-month-old heifer to start his stud NJD Livestock, with the cattle to be run on his grandparents' farm at Tumut, NSW.

"I'm excited to attend and it is more than just trying to win ribbons," Ned said.

"The thing I am really looking forward to is how to judge a beast, and that will help me when I am running my stud."

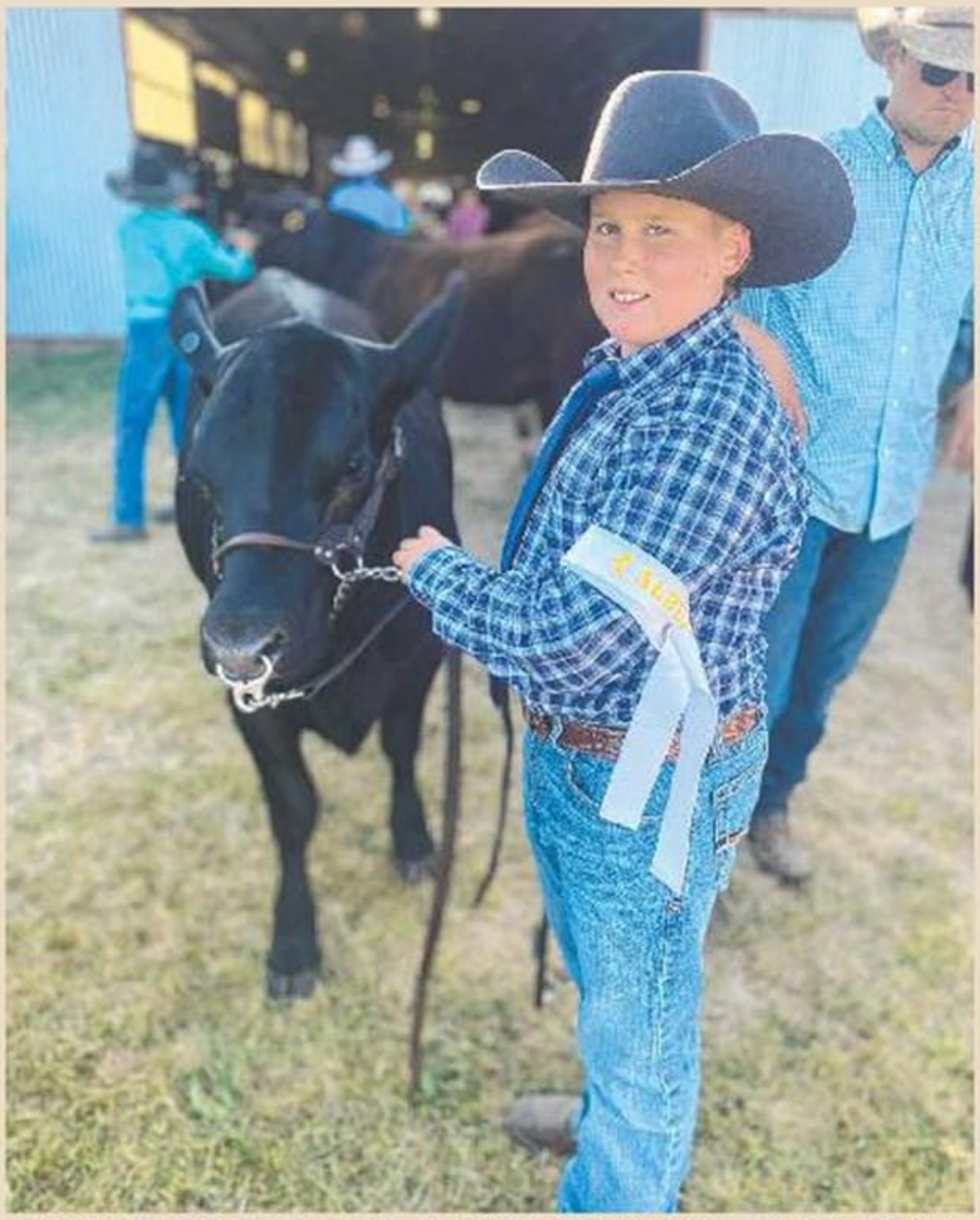
Ned's father Justin said the family was keen to back his interest in cattle.

"When Ned was helping to prepare the steers for the Melbourne Show, he was there on his breaks at school, doing things with the cattle," Justin said.

"Not only does it teach them responsibility but we noticed a difference in how he went at school.

"He's had offers from other studs asking if he'd like to help them which is great and we are happy to encourage this."

The muster runs from January 10-14.



Ned Dodds from NJD Livestock at Holbrook with his heifer Nabiac Wilcoola Weenie, are heading to the Angus Roundup in Tamworth, NSW for the annual youth get together.

# Accreditation program about to undergo test

FIONA MYERS

The success of a new accreditation program for cattle could be put to the test in the next few weeks as massive offerings of livestock go under the hammer.

Immune Ready was launched in 2023 as an initiative of the Australian Cattle Veterinarians.

It offers buyers information on the vaccination status of cattle before purchase and gives some assurance stock will arrive with low disease risk. And to be part of the program, vendors must sign a national cattle health declaration to verify the treatments had been given. The national cattle health declaration is provided by Animal Health Australia and is a legal document.

Producers who have completed the Immune Ready program are entitled to display the logo at the time of sale.

ACV president Craig Wood said he anticipated "a significant presence of Immune Ready cattle" at the upcoming weaner sales.

"We're seeing a growing interest among producers, which should reflect in the upcoming sales," Dr Wood said.

He said the Immune Ready stamp offered multiple benefits to vendors.

"Primarily, it's a mark of health and quality, which can indeed translate into higher earnings," Dr Wood said.

"Additionally, it assures buyers about the robust health of the cattle, making them a preferable choice."

Dr Wood said buyers were often willing to pay a premium for cattle that were part of certified health programs.

"This trend is particularly noticeable in sectors like feedlots, where the health and immune status of cattle are crucial for efficiency and productivity and premiums are already paid," he said.

"These guidelines give producers a tool and mechanism to communicate the current health program of their cattle to potential buyers across various trade markets."

Dr Wood said uptake of the Immune Ready program had been promising, but was still in the early stages of implementation.

"To engage more producers, it is the responsibility of all industry bodies and representatives to discuss and communicate the benefits of the program through the supply chain," he said. "Healthy cattle create a more viable industry which is good for the industry, the economy, and consumers.

"The ACV is also planning further targeted awareness campaigns and offering more educational resources to highlight the program's benefits and we look forward to and encourage other industry leaders to do the same."

Immune Ready has wide industry backing including of all three major vaccination companies – Coopers, Virbac and Zoetis. There is also widespread industry support from Cattle Australia, Meat and Livestock Australia, Animal Health Australia, Australian Lot Feeders Association and Dairy Australia.

The Immune Ready pen card which can be displayed at a sale.

# Supply high hits fancy meat

Jenny Kelly

KELLY COUNTRY

Lamb runners lost $3 a piece in value between the months of October and November, which coincides with the build-up in lamb kills. Picture: Zoe Phillips

More cattle and lambs entering the production chain hasn't been helpful to offal prices, with greater supply a factor in cheaper trends across a number of fancy meat items.

The latest co-product report put out by Meat and Livestock Australia shows falling price trends for offals with many categories ending 2023 at levels well below the past two years.

While items such as livers, kidneys, tongues and runners don't receive much attention – combined – their returns are important to financial outcomes for processors and exporters.

One of the most dramatic downturns has been for lamb runners – part of the intestine lining used to make sausage casings – with the latest surveys of abattoirs by MLA coming up with a monthly price of $3.17 a piece, which is less than half the value of a year ago.

Lamb runners lost $3 a piece in value between the months of October and November, which coincides with the build-up in lamb kills.

The performance of offals or fancy meats is often tied to kill levels, as every animal contributes a set (such as heart, lungs, kidneys, tongue) and demand is focused on price-sensitive export markets.

Offal prices across all species – cattle, lambs and sheep – appear to be struggling.

Some key beef results outlined in the MLA co-product report for December included:

**OMASUM** (from cow's stomach) at an average of $5/kg, down $4/kg on 12-months ago.

**TRIPE** pieces at $1.84/kg, down 74c/kg on a year ago.

**HONEYCOMB** tripe at $6.70/kg, back $1.80/kg.

**HALAL** lungs at $2.29/kg, down $1.03/kg on a year ago.

**LIVERS** at $1.41/kg, back 38c/kg.

**SWISS** cut tongues at $12.89/kg, down $1.74/kg on 12-months ago.

Hearts were one of the better performers for cattle, listed at an average of $2.71/kg in December to be matching year ago prices. The pharmaceutical side of the industry still seems OK with foetal calf blood still tracking at strong levels of $640 a litre, which on MLA figures is nearly $30 a litre better than late 2022 but still behind the extreme highs of $900-plus that were recorded some years ago.

Sheep offals have also suffered some significant downturns. The latest abattoir survey coming up with the following results:

**SHEEP** hearts at an average of $2.43/kg in late 2023, down 58 per cent on a year ago.

**SHEEP** kidneys at $1.88/kg, back 62 per cent.

**LAMB** runners at $3.17 a piece for a decline of 54 per cent.

**SHEEP** runners at $2.17 a piece, down 63 per cent.

Hides also come under the banner of co-products and there is still no joy for processors with the leather industry remaining depressed and demand not robust enough to sustain rates across higher production levels.

In Victoria which has the better quality skins (coming off cattle that are generally not branded and have less damage from ticks) prices ended the year softer.

Hides of heavier southern cattle, with a carcass weight over 350kg, were listed at an average of $23.50 to be down 2 per cent on a year ago, while hides of lighter animals (140-180kg) eased 4 per cent back down to an average of just $2.88 each, according to MLA.

Some hide categories for northern cattle are being reported as having no value.

## LAMB LOVERS BACK

While the latest data for offals mightn't be favourable, industry feedback suggests the lower price of lamb at retail in Australia is starting to win back consumers.

The Weekly Times has been told supermarket sales of lamb did improve in the lead-up to Christmas.

The price point of lamb legs at $8/kg at Coles and Woolworths lured back shoppers as it became more competitive against items like chicken, mince and sausages.

There is a considerable lag time between the collection and publication of meat consumption data, which is often only released quarterly.

But domestic lamb buyers said the next set of data should show a welcome spike in lamb sales.

Some even suggesting the increased retail demand had helped support saleyard prices through the spring flush.

The performance of offals or fancy meats is often tied to kill levels, Picture: Andy Rogers

## COMING SALES

**CATTLE**

**WODONGA:** Wednesday, 9am, 3500 Angus, Elders, Paull and Scollard Nutrien.
**COLAC:** Wednesday, 10am, 3800 weaners, associated agents.
**MORTLAKE:** Thursday, 9am, 7500 weaners, associated agents.
**WODONGA:** Thursday, 9am, 2800 weaners, independent agents.
**NARACOORTE, SA:** Thursday, 10am, 2600 cattle, associated agents.
**WANGARATTA:** Thursday, 2pm, 1700 cattle, Elders, Corcoran Parker.
**NARACOORTE:** Friday, 9am, 1300 cattle, associated agents.
**WODONGA:** Friday, 9am, 3000 cattle, Elders, Paull and Scollard Nutrien.
**YEA:** Friday, 9.30am, 3000 cattle, Nutrien.
**LEONGATHA:** Friday, 10am, 1500 cattle, associated agents.
**MT GAMBIER, SA:** Friday, 12pm, 3500 cattle, associated agents.
**WODONGA:** Saturday, 9am, 600 cattle, Ray White.
**HAMILTON:** Monday, 12pm, 4300 Angus weaners, associated agents.
**CASTERTON:** Tuesday, 8.30am, 2800 cattle, Nutrien, Elders.
**HAMILTON:** Tuesday, 12pm, 3200 cattle, associated agents.

**SHEEP**

**BALLARAT:** Friday, 10am, 15,000 first-cross ewes, associated agents.

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# Cotton outlook positive

**NICOLA BELL**

Recent rain has boosted the outlook for cotton this season.

Due to a dry spring and forecast of El Nino conditions it was looking likely the cotton forecast for 2023-24 was going to be below four million bales – a significant reduction on the 5.5 bales produced in 2022-23.

However, the rain that fell in most growing regions in the last week of November – and since – means more dryland cotton was planted and the forecast was now expected to be between 4.1 million bales and 4.5 million bales.

Cotton Australia chief executive Adam Kay said depending on yields the crop could produce up to five million bales.

"We've just come off our second biggest crop, with 5.6 million bales produced two years ago and 5.5 million last season, so it won't be that big, but it will still be a decent sized crop," Mr Kay said.

Mr Kay said the widespread rain that fell at the end of November allowed growers in northern NSW and Queensland to plant dryland cotton, so an extra 100,000ha than originally predicted was planted in early December.

"The total hectares planted is less than last year, as there isn't quite as much water in some areas, but historically it will still be a good sized crop."

"The outlook is quite good, the weather will be important, but growers have enough irrigation water to get them through this crop, we'd like to see rain to top up dams to get a good crop for the following season," Mr Kay said.

And while prices were still historically high at about $630 a bale currently, they had come down from the highs of $700 a bale earlier in 2023.

Summit Ag principal partner and agronomist Heath McWhirter, Griffith, NSW, said in the southern region they had a slow start to the season as it was quite cold through the early part of the planting window.

"We replanted 20 per cent of cotton in the southern valley, but once we got into November the weather started to get more consistent and we are slightly in front of the 10-year average for day time average temperatures, which is what we need," Mr McWhirter said.

"Looking forward if we can get stable temperatures in the mid 30C for the next 40 days or so, it would be ideal for crop growth."

Mr McWhirter said overall growers were in a fairly good position. "There was an 8 per cent increase in water allocations (in mid December) and the water price has lowered, so that has given growers confidence."

Earlier in the season water in the southern valleys was sitting at about $200 a megalitre and it was now at $150-$165 a megalitre.

Kaylee Bransgrove and Ben Olsen from Neerim started their dairy in 2019 with 16 heifer calves and have since grown it to milk 150 cows. Report, Pages 31-32 Picture: Zoe Phillips

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